



Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters  
City of University City  
October 8, 2013  
Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.

President Adelia Parker-Castro called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Other members present were Garrie Burr, Ann Cortinovic, Frederick Fehr, Melcine Henderson, Bobette Patton, Barbara Romero, Mary Dee Schmidt, Susan Hacker Stang, Winnie Sullivan, Charlotte Tatum, Bonnie Tesson, Joy Wade, Kay Watts

Paulette Carr, Council Liaison.  
Lynda Euell-Taylor, Staff Liaison

Approved Absence: Maria D'Agrosa-Sweeney

**Disposition of Minutes from September 10, 2013**

Ms. Henderson moved for approval of minutes. Ms. Tatum seconded. Vote taken: all approved.

**Scheduled Citizen Comments**

Sculpture Show: Noah Kirby of the Sam Fox School at Washington University reported on the plans for this year's project. Seven students are in this year's class and he recommends one to three projects be chosen for the show. He also talked about the connection between the show and the new international Sculpture City event, which runs from April 10 to 12. The Sculpture City organizer, Meredith McKinley, has indicated she would like to speak and meet with commissioners before then.

**Treasurer Report**

Ms. Patton reported verbally. Hard copies will be distributed for approval at the November meeting.

**Staff Liaison Report**

Ms. Euell-Taylor reported the 2-D and Sculpture events have been placed on the calendar. She asked that agenda items for the commission meetings be sent to the Executive Committee first, who will then forward them to her. It was also asked that commission members send her any corrections needed for the roster.

**Council Liaison Report**

Ms. Carr reported on the success of this year's U City in Bloom event and on the council's work on measures involving street-sweeping. They are also working on how future flood occurrences will be handled with FEMA.

**Guest Speaker**

Attorney David Weiss attended to clarify the 5013C and what a tax-exempt status might mean to the commission, as well as to answer commissioners' questions on these matters. After this discussion Ms. Watts made a motion to pay ten dollars for continuance of the not-for-profit status and to fill out the 990 paperwork. Ms Schmidt seconded. Vote taken: all approved.

## **Committee Reports**

- Sculpture: Ms. Schmidt reported she would like to order dinner for the November meeting. She will talk to Noah Kirby about the students going to appropriate municipal commissions before the November 12 presentation.
- Returning Artist: Ms. Watts said that the October 3 event with Marty Ehrlich went well. He held a "Master Class" with the UCHS Jazz Band. The regular February event is being worked on and there may be an additional artist participating along with musician Sandy Weltman. Ms. Tesson will be begin working with this committee.
- Photo Show: Ms. Romero reported that sponsor letters are being worked on for the April event. There will be exhibits at the Green Center and at Royal Bank. The reception will be held at Centennial Commons on April 13.
- Starlight Concert: Ms. Henderson reported she will meet with the agency called Talent Plus about collaboration for the next set of concerts. She is also looking into scheduling two Saturday concerts for the summer.
- 2-D Print Series: It was announced Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Hacker Stang have left this committee.
- Marketing and Development: Ms. Henderson asked that members of the Marketing and Development meet with her after the meeting.

## **Old Business**

- By-Laws committee: Ms. Henderson will chair this work. Ms. Patton and Ms. Tatum volunteered to be members of this committee.

## **New Business**

- The resignation of Ms. D'Agrosa-Sweney was announced by Ms. Parker-Castro.
- Ms. Parker-Castro reported that Ms. Tatum will chair the Nominating Committee for the 2014 commission. Mr. Fehr, Ms. Patton and Ms. Hacker Stang volunteered to work on this committee.
- More community members will be asked to assist the commission with its events in 2014, according to Ms. Parker-Castro.
- Ms. Hacker Stang and Ms. Watts asked that the commission look at setting guidelines for funding requests.

## **Adjournment**

Ms. Watts moved to adjourn at 8:50, Ms. Schmidt seconded.