



Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters
City of University City
December 11, 2012
Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.

President Barbara Romero called the meeting to order at 7:05. Other members present were: Marilyn Cathcart, Ann Cortinovic, Maria D'Agrosa-Sweney, Fred Fehr, Melcine Henderson, Adelia Parker-Castro, Bobette Patton, Barbara Santoro, Mary Dee Schmidt, Charlotte Tatum, Kay Watts,

Lynda Euell-Taylor, Staff Liaison

Paulette Carr, City Council Liaison

Excused Absence: Garrie Burr, Dan Martin, Joy Wade

Disposition of Minutes from November 13, 2012 approved on motion from Mary Dee Schmidt and Charlotte Tatum

Citizen's comments on items not on Agenda

Presentation by Cheryl Adelstein and Leslie Markel (Curator of Public Art) of Washington University on the new Art on Campus policy (1% of capital funds, up to a maximum of \$500,000, for any capital project to be used for public art at that project). Plans will be accepted for the Loop Student Living Initiative public art installation in the next few months. Ms. Adelstein and Mr. Markel request that they be allowed to report progress to the Commission regularly.

Discussion with Mike, Rob Silverman re: 2013 University City Jazz Festival: Silvermans were not in attendance

Discussion with Lisa Bulawski re: Two Dimensional Print Series: Juried proposals for new, site-specific works will be accepted. Prizes committed or planned at this time are 1) 20 \$50/each donated by Blick and 2) \$900 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes (\$500, \$250, \$150) is requested from Arts & Letters. Commissioners are concerned about the difference between amounts of prizes for 2-D Series and the Sculpture Series; we will discuss this issue further.

Treasurer Report Lynda Euell-Taylor reported on checks received and planned outgo (for Sculpture projects)

Staff Liaison Report 1) Our bulletin board in the entrance to the Commons needs to be updated. 2) Mailing lists need to be updated before Sculpture Series reception; Ms. Euell-Taylor will coordinate those from City departments. 3) There is no word yet on grant from RAC

Council Liaison Report Paulette Carr reports that the calendar is out. The City is focusing on "safety awareness." There will be four satellite focus groups to which the public will be invited. Work has begun on the new budget

Committee Reports

- Sculpture Series: Mary Dee Schmidt thanks those who were able to attend presentations at the Sam Fox location. Marilyn Cathcart (former Sculpture chair) is leaving Commission, but will continue to mentor as needed.

- Returning Artist: Kay Watts reports that the schedule has been completed, Christ the King and all public schools (including, possibly, the Lieberman Learning Center) will participate. Posters created by high school students will be chosen for publicity
- Photo Show: According to Barbara Romero, dates will be confirmed shortly. Calendar photographers should understand clearly when their photographs will appear in the calendar.
- Starlight Concert Series: All is in order for 2013. Melcine Henderson is collecting new contacts for future performances
- 2-D Print: Report given and discussion held during Lisa Bulawski's presentation. Adelia Parker-Castro and Maria D'Agrosa-Sweney continue to refine plans.
- Marketing Development: No report

Old Business: Current and recently past commissioners are invited to participate in the Commissioners' Art Show in August, 2013. Two past commissioners have accepted.

New Business: Marilyn Cathcart and Barbara Santoro are term-limited off the Arts & Letters Commission. Both expressed that they have thoroughly enjoyed their terms, will miss being on the Commission and look forward to being involved with projects when and where possible/needed.

Votes were taken and results of the election of officers for 2013 are as follows:

President—Adelia Parker-Castro
Treasurer—Bobette Patton

Vice-President—Melcine Henderson
Secretary—Garrie Burr

Adjournment

Kay Watts moved to adjourn. Adelia Parker-Castro seconded. All in favor. The meeting ended at 8:13.