

Arts & Letters Commission

January 10, 2012

Garrie Burr

Adelia Parker-Castro

Marilyn Cathcart

Barbara Romero

Ann Cortinovic

Barbara Santoro

Maria D'Agrosa-Sweney

Mary Dee Schmidt

Diane Davenport

Charlotte Tatum

Melcine Henderson

Joy Wade

Dan Martin

Lynda Euell-Taylor, Staff Liaison

Arthur Sharpe, Jr., Council Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Barbara Romero.

Minutes of December 13, 2012 were approved on a motion by Maria D'Agrosa Sweney and second by Melcine Henderson.

Council Report: By request of Arthur Sharpe, Jr., Mayor Shelley Welsch gave the Council report: The U. City/Olivette Joint Task Force report has been received and progress is being made. The Seniors & Youth, Year-Round Aquatics, Bike/Walk and Trailnet task forces are meeting and scheduling reports. The draft budget is expected to be balanced and introduced at the end of February.

Fair U. City: Mayor Welsch gave a report on the May 26-28, 2012 Fair U. City preliminary plans. A brochure with new logo will be sent out; current information is available at www.fairucity.com. Activities and entertainment will include arts venues and concerts. If Arts & Letters would like to be involved, one of these areas would be ideal. Non-profit booth cost is \$50; as a City commission, Arts & Letters should not be assessed this fee.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance is correct and the end balance has been corrected. Dan Martin has opened a Marvin Levy Fund as a separate account; it will be funded when the check arrives. Dan will call Carol Portman to confirm whether the Darwin Portman Fund is to be used for Returning Artist expenses.

Staff Report: 1) Lynda Euell-Taylor reported that "Non-Park" was removed by the City without our knowledge. Questions may be directed to Rich Wilson (Public Works Dept.) There was discussion of how we might better label sculptures to explain them to the community and how we might confirm the division of responsibility for public art with the City. Washington University needs to receive an explanation of and apology for this removal. 2) Lynda will meet with Lisette Dennis concerning our RAC sculpture grant. 3) A press release is needed and will be sent out for the Returning Artist series. 4) A&L badges were made by Arch Engraving. Additional ones for new commissioners will be purchased.

Sculpture Series: Marilyn Cathcart and Mary Dee Schmidt report that checks and evaluations are available; Ron Fondaw and the students seemed positive about the decisions.

Returning Artists: Diane Davenport says that the artists are fully scheduled, including a first RA visit to Christ the King school. Commissioners are requested to attend School Board (1/19/12) and City Council (1/23/12) meetings at which proclamations will be read. A teaching resource packet will be provided for the elementary level and press coverage will be available. Commissioners are requested to participate at the schools (2/6-10/12) and at the reception (2/9/12, 7 p.m., UCHS library). A sign-up sheet is available.

Photo Show: Barbara Romero reports that the show be displayed in the UC public library gallery for the full month of April. Joy Wade will chair; the reception date is tbd.

Starlight Concerts: Melcine Henderson reports that the series is completely booked. There will be new artists (1 returning group) and different genres. The first concert will be youth night with UCHS jazz band musicians. Samples of the music will be available on the website. Commissioners are requested to obtain raffle prizes from area businesses. The possibility of providing one additional concert, for the Fair, was mentioned.

Marketing: No report

Old Business: No report

New Business: Diane is co-coordinating the U. City Notes concert in the sanctuary of the City of Life congregation in October. 2) Joy Wade will have a show at the Metro Gallery, 2936 Locust, from 1/20-3/2/12. She will email details. 3) We would like to consider a way of showcasing “letters” in addition to our arts programs. Barbara R. will make a related brief presentation in February about a project with the Green Center. Garrie Burr is familiar with the Fiction Writing Center at Washington Univ. and would be interested in working on a project with them. Poetry Slam at UCHS is another possibility to investigate.

4) Parkview Planning is having a final workshop on February 1, 7 p.m., at the UC library. The prototypes are available at 612 Skinker when the building is open. Maria and Adelia Parker-Castro have requested a meeting with the planners to discuss events around this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 on motion, second by Adelia and Diane.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Santoro