



Regular Meeting of the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters
City of University City
October 9, 2013
Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.

President Barbara Romero called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Other members present were: Garrie Burr, Marilyn Cathcart, Maria D'Agrosa-Sweney, Diane Davenport, Melcine Henderson, Dan Martin, Adelia Parker-Castro, Bobette Patton, Barbara Santoro, Mary Dee Schmidt, Charlotte Tatum, Joy Wade, Kay Watts

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

Excused Absence: Ann Cortinovis

Disposition of Minutes from September 11, 2012

Ms. Henderson moved approval, Ms. Davenport seconded. Vote taken: all approved with clarifications/corrections.

Citizen's comments on items not on Agenda – none

Presentation by Shelli Goebel-Parker and Deborah Horsfall-Morley on behalf of Community Studio Inspiring Research, Knowledge & Leadership (CSIRKL). They hope to apply for a grant to involve youth-adult partnerships in the arts for the Delmar Loop area. After discussion, Ms. Davenport moved that we endorse the CSIRKL proposal, Ms. Parker-Castro seconded. Voting yes: Adelia Parker-Castro, Joy Wade, Charlotte Tatum, Marilyn Cathcart, Diane, Garrie Burr, Dan Martin, Maria D'Agrosa-Sweney, Bobette Patton, Mary Dee Schmidt, Barbara Santoro, Barbara Romero. Abstaining: Kay Watts

We request that, in the future, presenters send material before the meeting so we can be familiar with it.

Treasurer Report

Ms. Henderson moved approval, Ms. Tatum seconded. Vote taken: all approved

Staff Liaison Report

Ms. Euell-Taylor reported: 1.) Badges will be made for new commissioners. 2.) Suggested jpegs be required for submission for Photo Show entries that will be considered for the U. City calendar. 3.) 2013 Arts & Letters meeting and event dates have been submitted for the calendar.

Council Liaison Report

Ms. Carr reported: The Brighton Agency has been hired and will be paid by the hour. Mr. Walker will be requesting the agency interview A&L members as soon as possible in order for us to use their services to publicize our projects as we are an official arm of the City.

Committee Reports

- Marketing/Development:
Mr. Burr would like for project chairs to review and update their projects for a new brochure. Photos will be needed. We may want to consider offerings that we do not normally emphasize at this time (e.g., speakers on art). Text and photos should be ready to go when the decision is made as to Brighton Agency's availability to us. We should consider an email service for sending out a regular calendar of events.
- Photo Show: Ms. Wade indicated a brochure is being prepared and professional printers will be considered. Entries will be accepted in late April, show will be hung in library and remain up May 1-30; the reception will be held on May 19, 2013. Ms. Romero believes that Ron Milam's photos will be used for the 2014 calendar.
- Returning Artist: Ms. Watts is waiting for updated bio materials from the artist; University City High School is to set up dates for meetings with the staff.

- Sculpture Series: A&L committee, City staff, WU faculty are meeting to review proposed project and firm up requirements. Ms. Euell-Taylor has prepared a list of commissions and important contacts, scoring sheets, approval sheet for signatures, etc. for the students' use. Commissioners are welcome to attend the presentation/meeting.
- Starlight Concert Series: Ms. Henderson intends to have all performers engaged no later than the first of December and have contracts signed soon after. Commissioners should send information if they have suggestions for groups.

Old Business

We did not vote last month for an Ackert Walkway signage design. Ms. Schmidt moved approval of signage version #1 as presented by Public Works/Parks Director, Richard Wilson at the September 11, 2012 meeting; Ms. Tatum seconded. All approved.

New Business

Ms. Davenport requested a nominating committee be formed to submit their slate for Commission members to vote for officers at November 13, 2012 meeting. Ms. Tatum, Ms. Davenport and Ms. Parker-Castro agreed to serve. Mr. Martin suggested a treasurer be determined a.s.a.p. as his A&L term is up.

Other Business

Ms. Parker-Castro reminded the commissioners about the Cross-Cultural Conference. The keynote speaker is outstanding.

Ms. Davenport noted the 2012 U. City Jazz Festival was outstanding. Rob and Mike Silverman paid for the major costs of the festival; we should request that they give a presentation to A&L in November and recommend to the City Council that the City consider increased involvement in funding the festival.

Ms. Parker-Castro alerted us to the Village of Many Colors festival in November and suggested A&L involvement. Ellen Sherman is the contact.

Mr. Burr reminded us the final Movie In The Park is scheduled for October 13, 2012. He will present a proposal next month that A&L accept oversight for the project (four movies) next year.

There will be an art walk on 10/13 at Garden Heights Nursery, 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Ms. D'Agrosa-Sweney, Ms. Parker-Castro, and Ms. Davenport will participate.

Ms. Henderson has requested the City Council reinstate the recognition reception for members of boards and commissions to thank them for their service.

Adjournment

Mr. Burr moved to adjourn. Ms. Santoro seconded. All in favor. The meeting ended at 8:40.