

Members present: Marilyn Cathcart, Maria D'Agrosa-Sweeney, Trish Hayes, Melcine Henderson, Barbara Romero, Barbara Santoro, Charlotte Tatum

Members excused: Diane Davenport, Dan Martin, Adelia Parker-Castro, Mary Dee Schmidt, Joy Wade

Staff liaison: Leslie Eutz

Barbara Romero called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Melcine Henderson moved, Charlotte Tatum seconded motion to table June minutes until corrections are made; motion passed

Treasurer's report: Dan Martin submitted the report. There has been no change since the last report; we will request an update with current ending bank statement at the next meeting. Barbara Santoro will email Dan on Barbara Romero's behalf.

Council liaison's report: In Arthur Sharpe's absence, Lynn Ricci volunteered a brief report on the 7/11/11 council meeting. Among other points, the Youth Initiative discussions are proceeding well—there will be a jazz fest and bike-a-thon in the next few months. There is a plan to merge Parks, Public Works and Community Development departments within the City structure.

Staff liaison's report: The A&L tax-exempt status expired on 7/11/11, but a renewal forms are being submitted; RAC grant forms are on target; the staff would appreciate the timely submission of minutes so that they can be posted quickly; there is an A&L mail box at the Commons and we can check it regularly. (Garrie Burr has been working on website and mentioned that we should also check that site for questions or comments from the public.)

Sculpture Series: "Pax Vobiscum" has been removed (for safety purposes, we understand). Changes were requested of the sculptor who declined to make them. Mary Dee Schmidt and Marilyn are meeting and have confirmed these dates for next year's series: 12/13/11—judging; 4/1/12—opening reception (date to be included in 2012 calendar)

Returning Artist: Melcine reports for Diane Davenport that they have an upcoming meeting with the UCHS principal to discuss next year's program

Photo Show: Barbara R and Joy Wade are working on the application. Mailing list update information is encouraged from any Commission members. Area schools, especially middle and above, are included.

Starlight Concerts: Melcine reports that the audiences are enthusiastic and enjoy participating; audience feedback is welcome. Suggestions for future performers are welcome; the committee and staff vet identified groups. More raffle prizes are needed and commissioners are asked to provide them. Preferences are for U. City businesses (restaurants are popular); it is possible to get reimbursement if commission members wish to buy a gift certificate and ask that one be donated also by the business.

The possibility was noted of requesting sponsorships on the website as well as the idea that it might be possible to “round up” refuse payments to contribute to A&L.

Marketing Development: Barbara R will drop off brochures at COCA, Blick, Craft Alliance, Componere.  
[Lynn Ricci: Avant Marketing Group is asking Council members to identify board/commission members to help develop a public relations plan for U. City. Information is on the City website. Contact Lynn, if you would like to be considered.]

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn by Melcine, second by Marilyn, approved at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Santoro