

## University City Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters

**Arts & Letters Minutes**

**June 14, 2011**

**Call to Order: Barbara Romero, President**

**7:04p.m.**

**Commissioners: Present:**

Adelia Parker-Castro (Scribe)  
Maria D'Agrosa Sweeney  
Mary Dee Schmidt  
Diane Davenport  
Trish Hayes  
Melcine Henderson  
Marilyn Cathcart  
Lynda Euell-Taylor  
Joy Wade

**Excused Absence:**

Dan Martin  
Kim Chilton  
Charlotte Tatum

Council Liaison: Arthur Sharpe, Jr.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made to approve minutes from April & May with corrections by Melcine Henderson, second, Diane Davenport. Corrections made.

Motion to approve corrected minutes by Melcine Henderson, second, Mary Dee Schmidt.

### **Treasury Report:**

Due to treasurer's absence, motion made by Adelia Parker-Castro to table report until July 2011 regular meeting, second, Mary Dee Schmidt.

### **Council Member's Report: Honorable, Arthur Sharpe**

- Transfer of the University City Senior Center to Community Commons to be completed by January, 2012
- University City's Budget – Passed
- Elsie Glickert, history keeper has expressed some concern regarding parks traditionally named after City Mayors, suggesting that the Ackert Park sign must be returned
- The Blueberry Hill sponsored Sculpture of entertainer, Chuck Berry has run into some opposition, soon to be resolved
- Great River's Greenway - private financial support from: TIF interest, Industrial group, Commercial group (this information is confidential about the development at North & South Rd. and Olive Street Road).

### **Staff Liason – Lynda Euell-Taylor**

- Tax-exempt papers not received, yet.
- Checks have been received from City Hall for Starlight Concert Musicians
- Request Calendar dates be confirmed for Arts & Letters 2011-2012 schedule.
- Lisette Dennis (Grant reviewer from the Regional Arts Commission) meeting:

1. Grant due date, May 31, 2011.
2. Sculpture Series will receive approximately \$1661 this year & next, after that, artist and locations of work must be more diverse (reviewed grant process) [Because the artists are Washington University sculpture students, we have no control over the diversity of the artists.]
3. Concert series may be able to receive \$500.

## **Committees:**

### **Sculpture - Marilyn Cathcart, Chairperson**

- Mary Dee Schmidt now on Committee
- Calendar dates: Judging – December 13, 2011  
Opening – April 1, 2012
- “Pax Vobiscum” sculpture at the Green Center was moved – don’t know where
- “Earth Composition” sculpture erected in Lewis Pond – pieces removed, residents complaints, wants it removed. Professor Ron Fondaw notified of problem and reported that sculpture is “okay”
- Mural on the wall at Streetside Records in the ‘Loop’, is completed
- Washington University funding, once generated from Sam Fox School’s Dean’s office is currently zero.

### **Returning Artist – Diane Davenport, Chairperson**

- Commissioners, Melcine Henderson and Maria Sweeney joined the committee

### **Photo Show – Joy Wade, Chairperson**

- Adelia Parker Castro joined committee
- Committee to redesign application forms
- Photo Exhibition Date: October 2011, date to be submitted for calendar, reception availability.
- Exhibition Boards to be repainted this summer

### **Starlight Concert Series – Kim Chilton, Chairperson**

- June 13, 2011 concert reported to be “**EXCELLENT**”!!!!!! Large crowd in attendance.
- Tickets sold from ‘a table’ nixed by the audience, the like the “personal touch”.
- Note: Independent Vendors cannot sell wares on University City property.

### **Marketing & Development-**

- President Barbara Romero passed out the newly printed Arts and Letters brochures to members of the Commission and made note that so far, pamphlets are available at these locations:  
Community Commons  
University City Public Library  
Royal Bank  
Commerce Bank  
Other locations TBA at later date

**Old Business – None**

**New Business –**

- Kelly S. Martin, resigned
- Need new Secretary for the Commission(?) - the City Clerk, Joyce Pumm to contact Julie Bianchi status on Commission
- Diane Davenport reports that Arts and Letters representation at Mayor's Council meetings to let community know that this commission should be involved in aesthetic placements of Public Art in University City
- Robert Silverman, Jazz Musician announced that there will be a small Jazz Concert/Festival in Heman Park with local musicians and some type of educational component, and perhaps some related workshops through Washington University.

**Adjournment – 8:20p.m.**

Motion made by Adelia Parker-Castro.

Second, Trish Hayes