

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Barbara Romero

**Present:** Marilyn Cathcart, Diane Davenport, Trish Hayes, Melcine Henderson, Dan Martin, Adelia Parker-Castro, Barbara Romero, Barbara Santoro, Maria D. Sweney, Mary Dee Schmidt, Joy Wade

**Staff:** Lynda Euell-Taylor

**Excused:** Charlotte Tatum

Garrie Burr

**Minutes** from August meeting were approved on motion by Melcine, second by Barbara S

**Treasurer's report:** Dan brought statement of 7/29/11. The Darwin Portman award has been held constant to this point. There was some discussion about the Returning Artist funds. Lynda will try to determine for us what our total funds from the City will be so that we can budget for all of our programs.

No council member present

**Staff report:** Our tax-exempt status is in the process of being reinstated; all paperwork has been filed and should be approved before our next meeting. The RAC grant has been submitted.

Calendar photos are being prepared and will be submitted. Meeting dates are in and program dates should be sent to Lynda by committee chairs. Julie Bianchi has officially resigned. We have two openings; Council members Glickert and Kraft are next in line for appointments and there are enough applications on file.

**Sculpture,** Marilyn: Marvin Levy (founder of the Sculpture Series) would like to set up a new fund to enhance our ability to provide public art for the City. Commissioners are invited to attend a meeting with Marilyn, Marvin and Susan Glassman (one of the founding committee members) at 2 p.m. on September 16, in the board room. Marilyn asked that Lynda or Leslie Eutz attend as staff liaison. Marilyn is not sure whether there are specific requests of us. We briefly discussed other funding possibilities and program directions.

**Returning Artist,** Diane: Sally duMaine (vocalist) and Darwin Harris (actor/dramatist) have been contacted for collaboration. The program dates are 2/6-10/11 with the reception likely being on 2/9/11, possibly at City Hall. Themes are being discussed, as well as the likelihood of the artists splitting up for meeting some students. Maria is preparing a letter and the contract for the artists.

**Photo Show,** Barbara R: The application letter will be going out shortly. Garrie and Lynda will see that it is put on the Arts & Letters and City websites. It was suggested that we advertise on Patch, also. The photos will be accepted beginning on October 1; judging will be done on 10/18.

**Starlight Concerts,** Melcine: Attendance was lower this year, possibly because of the heat. New performers were accepted well, there will be new ones next year as well. Suggestions were made: Susan Slaughter's Modern Brass, school jazz band, U. City Summer Band. Interested groups should send letters of interest to Lynda with a CD. Intermission entertainment is being considered for next year—OTSL, high school or Brittany Woods bands. Commissioners should contribute raffle prizes for next year. Thank you's have been written to contributors.

**Marketing Development:** no report

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** (Barbara Romero) The Green Center has requested that we consider using some of the children's artwork from their summer program in the city calendar. We are requested to go by the center and look at the work. (Open 9-3 on Wednesdays or by arrangement)

(Adelia) The Parkview Gardens Redevelopment workshop #3 will be held on 10/31-11/3/11. We are encouraged to be a part of the discussion. The previous discussions have been interesting and very much worthwhile.

The U. City in Bloom Garden Tour/Art Show will be 9/18/11.

Barbara Romero's cell phone number is correct on the roster. It is not a local number.

Barbara Romero is Photo Show chair.

U. City Jazz Festival will be 9/24/11—Michael Silverman has arranged it and developed an educational component.

Peter Martin has won an Excellence in Arts Award. His next concert will be 9/23/11. Peter and Neal Caine will be installed in the U. City Hall of Fame that weekend.

The Community Resource Fair and Yard Sale will be held on 9/17/11.

Lynda will get us dates for Sunshine Law training.

The Chalk Art Festival was wonderful. We will see whether we can post photos on our website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 (motion by Melcine, seconded by Adelia)