# Minutes of CALOP Commission Meeting 6:00 PM Thursday, February 25, 2010 City Hall

Members Present: Eric Friedman, James Reeves, Rick Simoncelli, Mae Etta Weston, Beverly Brandt, Bob Wilcox, Mary Williams and Council Member L. Michael Glickert.

Members Absent: Gladys Creer, Dennis Riggs, and Marla Roach.

Also Present: Genise Lay, Petree Eastman, and Angela Antokowiak

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Eric Friedman at 6:00 pm. Mr. Friedman served as the chair of the meeting.

### **Green Housing Presentation**

Petree Eastman, Assistant to the City Manager, appeared before the commission to give a summary of the City's sustainable housing project. The project was developed to promote turning derelict properties into sustainable housing in the city. The project had been underway but experienced some delay due to contractor and financing issues. Ms. Eastman proposed that CALOP sponsor a documentary to capture the sustainable housing build.

Angela Antkowiak appeared before the commission to give a report on the status of the CALOP funded project Tennessee Williams. Ms. Antowiak informed the commission that preliminary interviews and editing had been conducted. She also reported that she was working with Jim Kirrchner, former CALOP commission and KETC-TV program personality. Ms. Antkowiak also noted that she had obtained archival film and footage to incorporate into the film.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from January 28, 2010 were reviewed. Mr. Friedman suggested that the minutes reflect that Ms. Busch was asked to contact University City School District and include them in the film. Mr. Friedman also requested that the minutes reflect that Ms. Busch may have a statement from Senator Bond who has been a great support of Parents as Teachers. Mr. Friedman asked that the minutes distinguish sustainable housing from the recycling project. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion was approved.

### Chairman's Report

Mr. Friedman reported that he would work with Mr. Simoncelli on the recycling project suggested by Mr. Price. Mr. Friedman also asked commission members if they would like to volunteer to assist with the project.

Mr. Friedman relayed that there were no further advancements on the Washington University archival project.

### Review of Proposals

The commission discussed the feasibility of supporting Ms. Eastman's proposal to fund a film project on University City Green Housing. A motion was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Brandt that given the commission's present activities and specific projects regarding recycling and other workload, the commission cannot at this point in time develop another RFP. The motion was approved.

The commission also reviewed a proposal received from Judy Prange regarding University City's participation in America in Bloom. The commission discussed whether the project would be a good fit for CALOP and how it might be carried out. A motion was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Weston

that the commission suggest that the group submit their proposal in the next cycle. The motion was approved.

#### Liaison Report

Mr. Friedman reported that Edie Barnard, filmmaker for grant project U City Sleuths, submitted a written status report of the project and requested a six-month extension, which was approved. Ms. Williams gave a report on the partnership between the school district and Ms. Barnard. Ms. Williams indicated that there had been some constraints. Mr. Friedman will follow-up with Ms. Barnard.

Mr. Friedman also noted that the school district had requested approval to buy additional computers for the education co-op program. Mr. Friedman relayed that the education committee discussed the request and approved purchasing another computer.

Ms. Williams reported that there was need for improvement in the co-op program and that she would like to work on establishing organization within the program. She asked that commission members visit the school to see how things are coming along.

Ms. Weston reported that she contacted the University City School District Superintendent regarding the district's participation in JoAnne Busch film Born to Learn. The school was very interested in participating and has made plans to work with Ms. Busch.

Mr. Wilcox reported that since the last meeting he has received a report on the Wehrenberg Theatres film, Since a report was received, it was not necessary for the commission to send a follow-up letter as requested at the last commission meeting. The filmmaker will try to appear before the commission at its March meeting.

Mr. Wilcox reported that filmmakers for St. Louis Brau encountered some delays, but are working on the film.

Mr. Friedman reported that Brent Jaimes, filmmaker for A Different Way of Life, has encountered problems as well. Mr. Jaimes may have something in April or May.

Mr. Friedman suggested that the commission develop policies and programs regarding slow turnaround of projects. The commission will seek recommendations from Dennis Riggs.

Mr. Friedman relayed that a letter was drafted for Mr. Tabscott, filmmaker for Elijah Lovejoy Society. Particulars as to why the film was insufficient must be incorporated into the letter before it is sent out. Mr. Friedman also reported that a letter for Mr. Minor, filmmaker for Trailblazers, has been drafted.

Ms. Weston reported that Tia Hodges' film project Trials and Triumph, which had been unsuccessful in acquiring a CALOP grant, received funding from the Missouri History Museum.

There being no further business before the commission, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Brandt and seconded by Mr. Wilcox. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mae Etta Weston, Secretary

Prepared by Genise Lay