

CALOP Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 30, 2019
University City, U City Library, Board Room
6:30 PM

Members in Attendance: Patricia McQueen; Richard Ruderer; Robert Wilcox; David Stokes; Kymal Dockett; Councilmember Steven McMahan

Members Absent: Suzanne Greenwald; Dennis Riggs

Guest: Roseann Weiss

Others in Attendance: Keith Cole

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. McQueen, Chairperson, at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Ruderer and seconded by Mr. Dockett. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the November 29, 2018 minutes was made by Mr. Ruderer and seconded by Mr. Dockett. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Cole reported on the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2018. As stated, the financial report was accepted and will be filed for audit.

Chairperson's Comments

Chairperson McQueen noted the Five Year Plan is a first draft.

Agenda Items

Ms. Roseann Weiss reported on the 1st year programming grant process. CALOP allocated \$15,000 for this pilot short video grant program. For first time around, there were 19 total applications and if CALOP chooses to do a second round, Ms. Weiss feels there would be between 30 to 40 applications. Applications were all on Google Docs which makes it easy to apply. Applicants ranged from professional to students. Ms. Weiss chose to have a small volunteer selection committee with expertise related to the criteria. Selection committee was made up of Chris Clark, Artistic Director of Cinema St. Louis; Shari LeKane-Yentumi, Writer, Educator; and Keidra Pelloquin, Founder and Artistic Engineer of GloveBoxX Arts & Entertainment.

After scoring and commenting on all 19 applications, the selection committee recommended 5 individuals for funding of \$3,000 each. The recommendations are as follows:

Byron Sletten for "University City – A Day in Bloom," Thomasina Clarke for "The Loop: Authentically Nostalgic," Mike Gualdoni for "Word on the Street," Eddie Ryan for "United U City: United by Great Food," and Jose Garza for "A Brief History of the Lewis Center."

In addition to the 5 above, the selection committee is asking CALOP to add an additional \$1,500 to the amount of \$15,000 to fund Curtis Conyers, a student at University City High School, for “Rich in the Arts.”

The Selection Committee also chose a sixth proposal, a professional Chris Renteria, in case of one of the above selected was not able to accept. The project is called “Neighborhood to the World.”

The press release to announce the winners would be announced before the next CALOP meeting.

A motion was made to approve the recommendation by the selection committee to fund the 5 winners in addition to the \$1,500 for Curtis Conyers for a total amount of \$16,500 by Mr. Wilcox, and seconded by Richard Ruderer. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to have a 2nd round of the short video grant program in the same amount of money of the 1st round, and seconded by Mr. Wilcox to table the motion until next meeting. A motion was made to call a Special Meeting to discuss only the 2nd round of the short video grant program on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 by Mr. Wilcox, and seconded by Mr. Ruderer. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. McQueen discussed the Five Year Plan and she had only one question and was in Objective One. Do we want to provide grant money to the “region” or just for City of University City? The agreement was to leave “region” in Objective One.

Council Comments

Councilmember McMahon mentioned Administration has some new hires. Libby Tucker was hired as new Director of Economic Development, Clifford Cross hired as Director of Planning and Development, and Allison Bamberger as Communications Director. Allison generating the social media aspect which will help University City.

Sunshine Law question, if the topic of expenditures is being discussed, then it needs to be on the agenda, with the anticipation of the expenditures being voted on.

Next Meeting Date (Tentative)

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 6:30 PM. Location is U City Library, Room 2.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.