



CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON ARTS & LETTERS
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
Thursday, April 14, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Members Participating:

Sophia Allen, Karla Brown, Marcie Dear, Cherise Harris, A'isha Hedges, Carol Jackson, Linda Jones, Richard Massey, Eleanor Mullin, Marian Reed, Nicole Thomas, John Tieman, Meg Zelenovich, Marcie Dear,

Excused Absence: Wilmetta Toliver-Diallo, Winnie Sullivan

Also participating: Staff Liaison, Lynda Euell-Taylor, City Councilman Bwayne Smotherson

Meeting was called to order by Commission President, John Tieman at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes: Correction - Mr. Massey indicated Jean Jackson will not be performing in the 2022 Starlight Concert series. App oval of February 2022 with correction was approved by Mr. Tieman, seconded by Ms. Brown. Approved by acclamation.

Citizens Comments: None

Treasurers Report: None

Staff Liaison Report: Ms. Euell-Taylor and Councilman Smotherson presented for discussion the possibility of the CALOP dissolving and its concept becoming a component of the Arts & Letters commission.

Council Liaison Report: Councilman Bwayne Smotherson had nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

- **Starlight Concert:** Mr. Massey reported:
 - Zumba Event was held April 9, 2022 at Brittany Woods Middle School, with estimated 25 or more in attendance.
 - A second Zumba event is being planned for Saturday, May 21, 2022 at Jackson Park Elementary School from Noon – 2 pm.
 - Summer Concert Series – Contracts have been submitted for sound services and bands for June concerts

- **Returning Artist:** None
- **Public Art:** None
- **Marketing:** None; continue submitting information to be shared on social media platforms
- **Literary:** None
- **Finance:** None
- **Calendar Arts:** Ms. Reed reporting:
 - Finalizing photos to be included in 2023 calendar

New Business:

- Basquiat Art; Mrs. Euell-Taylor shared questions and concerns per commissions informal conversation (held in lieu of March meeting, no quorum present) with the City Manager.
- Discussion of holding one upcoming Arts & Letters Commission meeting at City Hall. Commissions' decision on what month the meeting will take place at City Hall; pending facility reopening.

Old Business:

- Definition of Art – Commission follow-up discussion and vote during May meeting
- Delmar at McKnight entrance sign design and physical location updates requested by commission. Commission to request professional quality draft to vote on final design of signage. Time table? Sign should read “University City” rather than “U-City” to be more in line with other signage throughout the City.

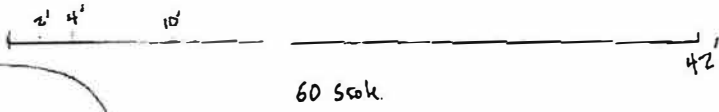
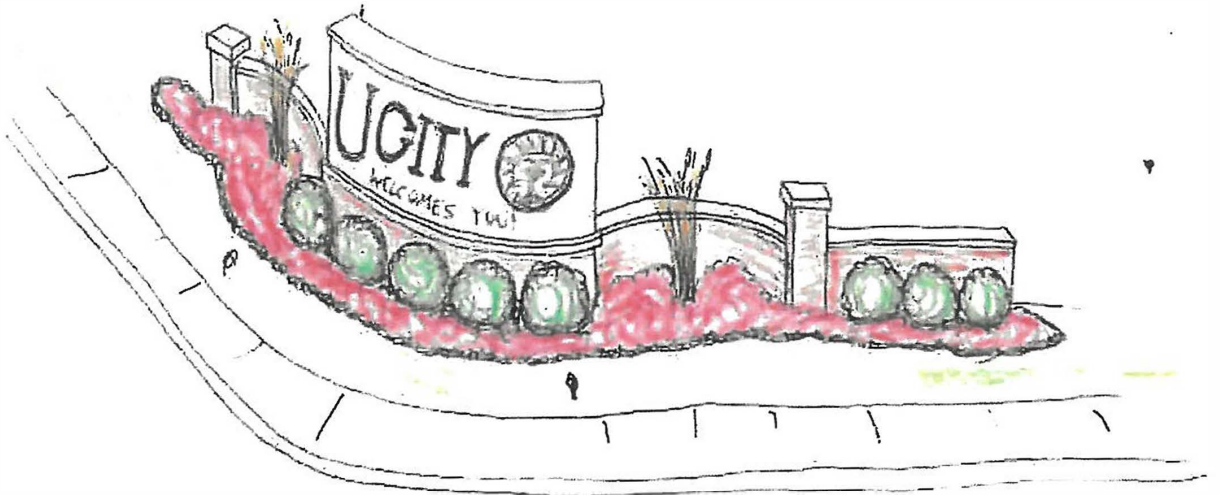
Adjournment: Motion to end meeting by Mr. Tieman; seconded by Ms. Jones.
Approved by acclamation at 8:09 p.m.

Delmar Entrance Sign and Garden Concept Description:

This is an initial simple concept for the type of sign that should be installed at the intersection of Delmar Blvd and McKnight on the NE corner. Red brick was chosen for the wall to match the building on the corner and much of the architecture in University City. This will be capped with sandstone masonry. The elevated portion with the sign should be above the 4 foot tall by 1.5 foot deep brick foundation wall and be gray with the text carved in and blackened. The wall and sign will sit 2 feet above the grade of the lot and sidewalks on a berm. The flower beds should be 4-5 feet deep and fronted but 4 feet of turf for a total of 9 feet of ground from the sidewalk to the sign. Lighting and irrigation is to be included as well.

This concept will remove 10 – 12 parking spaces from the parking lot. This will require concrete removal to soil for the entire footprint. There will need to be a foundation to handle the weight of the sign. A good garden mix of topsoil should be brought in to surround the foundation and raise the grade by 2 feet. There are many things to consider including codes for height restrictions, electrical source for lighting, water source for irrigation, and choosing an engineer to measure elevations and grades and an architect to finalize the concept. Pricing will need to be done by an architect who understands material sourcing and costs and construction costs.

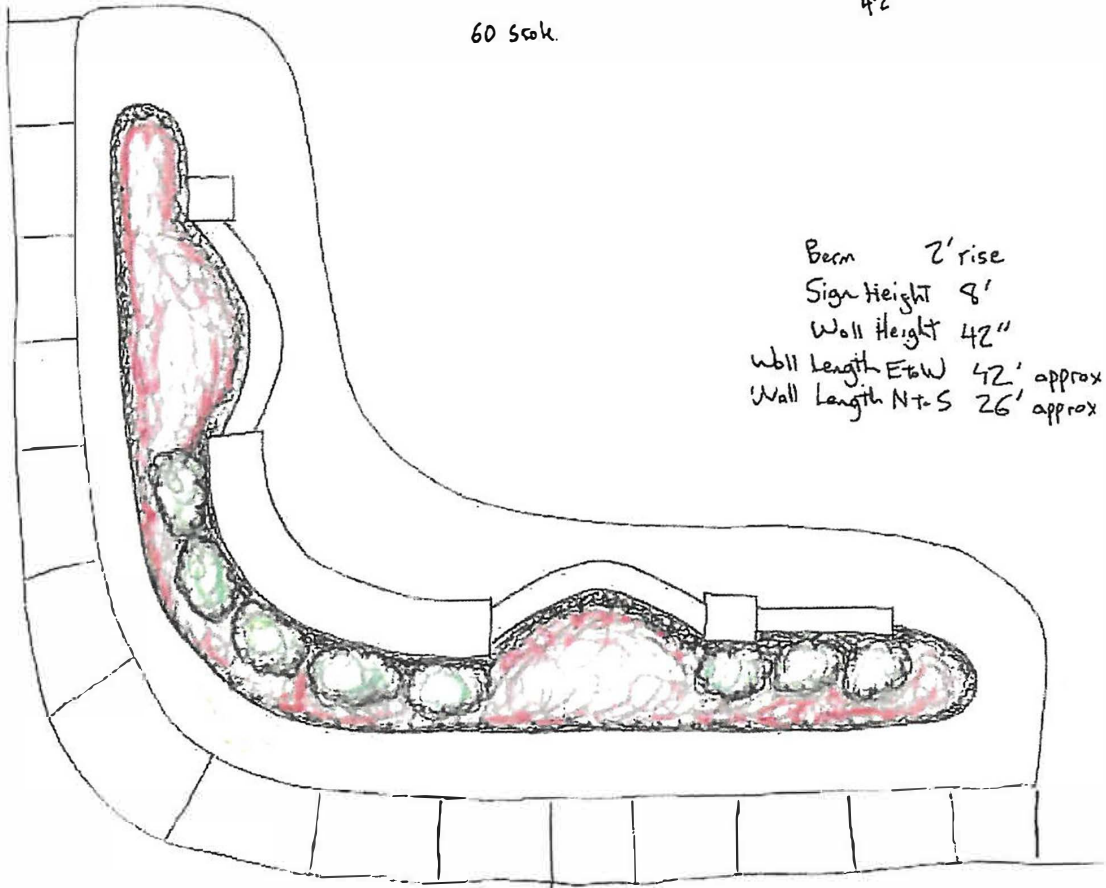
U City Entrance Sign and Garden Concept 2021



McKnight

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Berm 2' rise
 Sign Height 8'
 Wall Height 42"
 Wall Length E-W 42' approx
 Wall Length N-S 26' approx

← W Delmar → E

Lynda Euell-Taylor

From: Winnie Sullivan <penultim@swbell.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 6:38 PM
To: Lynda Euell-Taylor
Subject: Revision of Work of Art Definition

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Hi Lynda,

I've just finished working on this definition, and it may require a little additional work. I'm happy to read it at the meeting if you want.

John's Redefinition:

For the purposes of the Municipal Commission On Arts And Letters, “art” or “work of art” is defined as any creation of aesthetic value. This definition includes, but is not limited to: literature; music; the plastic arts including tangible and physical forms of visual art such as painting and sculpture; jewelry; interior design; folk art; religious art; photography and film; installation art; architecture; conceptual art; records and recordings of performance art; landscape art and landscape architecture; live performance, or the records of the live performances of, to include, but not limited to, theater, ballet, opera, performance art, music, and other performing arts; creations that may be regarded as both aesthetically pleasing and ephemeral.

Revised Definition

For the purpose of the Municipal Commission on Arts and Letters, “art” or a “work of art” is defined as the result of creative expression that has aesthetic value. This definition incorporates the traditional seven forms of art: painting, architecture, sculpture, literature, music, performing arts, and film, but it may also include the decorative arts, e.g., ceramics and jewelry, also sometimes referred to as crafts, and the applied arts, e.g., interior design and fashion design.

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