



CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON ARTS & LETTERS
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
Thursday, January 13, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Members Participating:

Sophia Allen, Karla Brown, Marcie Dear, Wilmetta Toliver-Diallo, Cherise Harris, A'isha Hedges, Carol Jackson, Linda Jones, Eleanor Mullin, Marian Reed, Winnie Sullivan, Nicole Thomas, John Tieman, Meg Zelenovich

Absent: Richard Massey

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

Meeting was called to order by Commission President, John Tieman at 7:00p.m.

Minutes: Ms. Mullin moved to accept the October 2021 minutes; Seconded by Ms. Brown. Approved by acclamation.

Citizens Comments: None

Presenting Guests:

- **Audrey Jones** – Mannequins in the Loop
 - In its 13th year, 2022 theme: *Diversity and Inclusion*
 - Expanding mannequin display beyond the Delmar Loop to the western and southern business clusters.
 - Mannequin pick-up: April 23, 2022 – Blueberry Hill
 - Mannequins on display May 21 – June 12, 2022 with reception held at the University City Library
 - Dorothy Davis Arts / Fashion Scholarship and Business Bucks opportunities
 - Application Fee: \$275.00 Can support up to 50 mannequins

Ms. Mullin moved to give the Commissions' approval for this annual project; Seconded by Ms. Jackson. Approved by acclamation.

- **Tom Poshak** – U City Summer Band Concert, Ann Winkler - President
 - Summer 2022 season – three concerts to be held in June 2022 and three concerts to be held in July 2022. Exact requested dates forthcoming.

Ms. Mullin moved to approve the University City Summer Band Concert Series for 2022; Seconded by Ms. Sullivan. Approved by acclimation.

- **Meghan Kirkwood** – Washington University, Assistant Professor of Photography
 - Public Art project to be installed in Heman Park, presented and approved by the Commission February 2019 (paused due to -Covid-19) to resume spring 2022.
 - Projected installation of photographs March 28, 2022 on the north side of the bridge located near the pool with an onsite reception on April 1 or 8, 2022.
 - An updated budget for the project will be shared with commission

Treasurer Report:

Ms. Sullivan provided the following financial report reflecting October, November, and December 2021:

General Account:

Beginning Balance: (9/30/2021) \$10,282.16

Deposits: 0.00

Checks -0.00

Withdrawals/Debits -5.00

Ending Balance (9/30/2021) \$10,277.16

Beginning Balance: (10/29/2021) \$10,277.16

Deposits: 0.00

Checks \$1,000.00

Withdrawals/Debits -5.00

Ending Balance (10/29/2021) \$9,272.16

Beginning Balance: (11/30/2021) \$9,272.16

Deposits: 0.00

Checks -0.00

Withdrawals/Debits -5.00

Ending Balance (11/30/2021) \$9,267.16

Marvin Levy Fund

Beginning Balance (9/30/2021) \$19,684.99

Deposits +0.70

Withdrawals/Checks 0.00

Ending Balance (9/30/2021) \$19,685.69

Beginning Balance (10/29/2021) \$19,685.69

Deposits +0.78

Withdrawals/Checks 0.00

Ending Balance (10/29/2021) \$19,686.47

Beginning Balance (11/30/2021) \$19,686.47
Deposits +0.75
Withdrawals/Checks 0.00
Ending Balance (11/30/2021) \$19,687.22

Total in All Accounts: \$28,954.38

Ms. Jones moved to accept the Treasurers Report; Seconded by Ms. Jackson.
Approved by acclamation.

Staff Liaison Report: Ms. Euell-Taylor

- No new updates
- Facility rentals still not being accepted at this time

Council Liaison Report: Bwayne Smotherson

- Costco project on track
- Quick Trip purchased land on the North-East corner of North & South and Olive Blvd.
- Midland & Olive plot built up in preparation for sale
- Dirt mound on south-west corner of Olive & McKnight to be used to level land to Olive & I-170 adjacent to the mound once demolition has been completed

Committee Reports:

- **Starlight Concert:** Ms. Jackson
 - ❖ Zumbathon
 - Due to covid-19 surge, February date tentatively moved to April 9, 2022 still to be held at Brittany Woods Middle School. Updates shared as developed.
- **Returning Artist:** Ms. Brown
 - ❖ No updates
- **Public Art:** Mr. Tieman
 - ❖ Shared details of public art committee
 - ❖ Public collaboration with Washington University
- **Marketing:** Ms. Toliver-Diallo
 - ❖ No updates
- **Literary:** Winnie Sullivan
 - ❖ No updates

- **Finance:** Ms. Sullivan
 - ❖ Committee has not met
 - ❖ Available grants for commission to apply: Missouri Arts Council, RAC, etc.

- **Calendar Arts:** Ms. Reed
 - ❖ Possible idea for 2023 calendar - U City Hall of Fame. Working with SDUC to obtain photographs/collage

New Business: None

Old Business:

- **Update from David Lindsey** – Ms. Mullin reported the Parkview Gardens mural has been completed.
- **Delmar Entrance Sign and Garden Project** – Delmar & McKnight – No new updates
 - 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.
 - **Definition of Work of Art** – Mr. Tieman will expand definition to present to commission for approval, will provide link to the City’s charter Arts and Letters Commission definition for review; Ms. Sullivan to provide information regarding “genre of art vs. art form”.

Announcements: No Announcements

Adjournment: Motion by Ms. Jones; Seconded by Ms. Brown. Approved by acclamation at 8:49 p.m.