



REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON ARTS AND LETTERS

Thursday, January 12, 2023 . 7:00 pm

Members Participating:

Karla Brown, Marcie Dear, Wilmetta Tolliver Diallo, Carol Jackson, Linda Jones, Eleanor Mullin, Marian Reed, Nicole Thomas, Meg Zelenovich, Richard Massy, John Tieman,

Excused Absence: Sophia Allen, A'isha Hedges, Winnie Sullivan

Unexcused Absence: Cherise Harris

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

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

Minutes: Approval of November 2022 minutes.

- Ms. Mullin moved to approve of November minutes; Seconded by Ms. Brown; approved by acclamation

Citizens Comments: None

Treasurer Report: None

Staff Liaison Report: Ms. Euell-Taylor

- Commission committee list: Update commission subcommittees

Council Liaison Report: Councilman Smotherson

- Will be addressing Parks commission regarding amphitheater / concert stage to hold City concerts.

Committee Reports:

Starlight Concert: Richard Massey

- Finalizing Band line up for 2023 Concert Series
- Starlight committee met with the executive board to discuss requested information for Starlight committee to include in request.

Returning Artist: Ms. Brown

- Committee growing for 2023 returning artist event

Public Art: See proposal notes in new business from Arny Nadler

Marketing: Ms. Toliver – Diallo

- Request for event information to be sent to be shared

Literary: Ms. Mullin

- Dormant until event taking place in November – December 2023

Finance: Ms. Mullin

- No report

Calendar: Ms. Reed

- 2023 Calendars went out to City residents in early December to City residents
- Proposals for 2024 calendar: U-City Hall of Fame and 100 year anniversary of Parks. Working to obtain photos and additional information needed for processing.

New Business:

Presentation: Army Nadler, Advisor - Washington University, Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts: Public Art Series Proposal 2023

December 2022 Commission Public Art subcommittee listened to proposals by Washington University Students for public art to be installed in University City. Sculptures able to be removed with ease with respect to installation sites

Artists:

- Levi Gentry – Conquest
- Alex McLaughlin - Six Singers of the New Space Opera
- Grace Buyers - Alkaline Drift

Motion to accept presentation from Mr. Army Nadler pending approval of installation locations from Parks department and Parks commission. Moved by Mr. Tieman, seconded by Ms. Dear, approved by acclamation

Discussion to Return to In-Person Commission Meetings at UCHS Library.

- What guidelines would be required to meet in person – per City requirements? What options are offered to Commissioners who are not comfortable with meeting in person? Zoom phone conference? Motion made by Mr. Tieman to defer to Old Business for discussion in February 2023 meeting.

Concessions for 2023 Starlight Concert Series

- Does commission want to reinstate concessions for Starlight Concert and other Commission events?
- Concession commitment would be for all concerts in June, July, & September (including rain dates)
- Commissioners will sign up for concerts. Minimum of (5) commissioners needed to work concessions. Motion made to reinstate concessions made by Ms. Brown; seconded by Ms. Reed, approved by acclamation.

Recruitment for Marketing Committee:

- Marketing Committee request to attend February Executive board to understand roles and responsibilities.

Replacement Arts & Letters Commission Tent from 4Imprint

- Originally purchased in 2015; stored at Park Maintenance; lost in July 2022 flood
- Replacement cost: \$1135.47; Commission can research for alternate options if desired.
- Ms. Euell-Taylor will inquire if City will purchase replacement; If not, Commission will purchase tent.

Motion to purchase replacement tent made by Ms. Toliver-Diallo; seconded by Ms. Brown, approved by acclamation.

- **Old Business:**

No updates for Ackert Park renovation.

Announcements:

- St. Louis Science Center STEAM, January 14, 2023
- UCHS Spring Musical production of The Wiz, April 14-15, 2023
- UCHS Movie Night, February 23, 2023, UCHS Auditorium

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:48 pm by Mr. Tieman; second by Ms. Brown; approved by acclamation