



REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON ARTS & LETTERS

Heman Park Community Center . 975 Pennsylvania

Thursday, January 11, 2024

Members Participating:

Sophia Allen, Marcie Dear, A'isha Hedges, Linda Jones, Richard Massey, Marian Reed, Olivia Steely, Charlene Temple, John Tieman, Meg Zelenovich

Absent: Karla Brown, Carol Jackson, Eleanor Mullin

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

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

Welcome: New Commissioner Olivia Steely

Minutes: Approval of November 2023 minutes with one amendment re: Linda Jones absence as excused.

Motion by Ms. Allen to approve November minutes; seconded by Ms. Reed; approved by acclamation.

Presentation: 2024 Mannequins in The Loop -Audrey Jones
Discussion about 15th Annual, "Recycle Now & Forever" theme.

Motion by Ms. Jones to accept the return of the Mannequins; seconded by Ms. Reed; approved by acclamation.

Citizens Comments: No Citizen Comments.

Treasurer Report: No Report.

Staff Liaison Report: Shared three flyers for upcoming events: Seniors 60+ Laughter, Lunch and Bingo; Go Red for Women Luncheon; Fuzzy Flicks for Ages 4 to 10

Council Liaison Report: Mr. Smotherson shared about a possible new grocer retailer Pan Am, in the Market at Olive location.

Committee Reports:

- **Starlight Concert:** Committee didn't meet during the holidays, but discussion included an upcoming January meeting on the books, dates and artists decided for 2024 season (applications were due in October), awaiting word on a budget increase from the City and band diversity. Mr. Smotherson suggested the Commission apply for grant funds (i.e., RAC, etc.)
- **Returning Artist:** No Report, but several Commissioners commented the event was wonderful, especially good for the students.
- **Public Art:** Mr. Tieman, see New Business.
- **Marketing:** Ms. Jones
Expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for the event photos submitted. Keep sending them to the A& L website.
- **Literary:** No Report.
- **Finance:** No Report.
- **Calendar:** Ms. Reed
Shared the calendar pages were not as we voted, Council has the final say. It was suggested "Writers in University City" as the theme for 2025, perhaps PR photos and a paragraph provided by the writers. Twelve photos and a cover. Ms. Euell-Taylor advised all materials need to be submitted by July 1. Ms. Steely will be a big help with her photography expertise.
- **New Business:**
Shared a draft of the City of University City/Washington University Public Arts Program criteria. A few minor changes were suggested. Ms. Euell-Taylor will adjust accordingly.

Ms. Jones made a motion to accept the criteria agreement with changes; seconded by Ms. Allen; approved by acclamation.
- Mr. Tieman shared he is running unopposed as Second Ward Council Member, if officially elected he will need to step down as A&L president. The position requires running meetings, being the voice of the commission and responding to emails.
- Everyone be prepared to discuss program budgets for 2024 at the February meeting.
- **Old Business:**
Offices to be filled include Vice President and Treasurer.

Ms. Reed nominated Ms. Mullin as Treasurer; seconded by Ms. Jones; approved by acclamation.

Ms. Jones nominated Ms. Dear as Vice President; seconded by Ms. Reed; approved by acclamation.
- **Announcements:** None

Adjournment: Motion by Ms. Jones; seconded by Ms. Reed; approved by acclamation.

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