



REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON ARTS & LETTERS

Heman Park Community Center . 975 Pennsylvania

Thursday, February 8, 2024

Members Participating:

Sophia Allen, Karla Brown, Marcie Dear, A'isha Hedges, Carol Jackson, Linda Jones, Richard Massey, Eleanor Mullin

Absent: Marian Reed, Olivia Steely, Charlene Temple, John Tieman, Meg Zelenovich

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

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Commission Vice President Dear

Minutes: Motion by Ms. Jones to approve January 2024 minutes; seconded by Ms. Allen; all approved with one abstention.

Citizens Comments: No Citizen Comments.

Treasurer Report: Ms. Mullin shared a report indicating current balances and a financial overview of Starlight Concert funds. Motion by Ms. Allen to approve Treasurer Report; seconded by Ms. Brown; approved by acclamation.

Staff Liaison Report: Gave overview of January Seniors 60+ Laughter, Lunch and Bingo and Go Red for Women Luncheon events; shared/discussed flyer for Senior Commission's upcoming Senior Lunch and Learn Series at University City Library.

Council Liaison Report: Even though the Commission provided their recommendations, Mr. Smotherson shared his displeasure with several final photo selections for the 2024 calendar.

Committee Reports:

- **Calendar:** No Report.
- **Finance:** No Report.
- **Literary:** No Report.
- **Marketing:** No Report.

- **Public Art:** Ms. Euell-Taylor reported contracts have been prepared and signed by both the artists and Commission President Tieman; checks have been received by the artists and project construction has begun.
- **Returning Artist:** Ms. Brown shared she is seeking artist recommendations.
- **Starlight Concert:** Various items were discussed including actual budget available for the upcoming June 2024 concert series, etc.
- **New Business:**
Ms. Allen gave an overview of grant opportunities available to the Arts & Letters Commission.

Proposed Committee Budgets for 2024 - Motion by Ms. Mullin to move this discussion to March 2024 Old Business; seconded by Ms. Brown; approved by acclamation.

Also for March 2024 New Business: Protocols for Event/Program Contracts

- **Old Business:**
Replacement/Election for Executive Board Member - President

Ms. Brown nominated Ms. Jones as President; seconded by Ms. Allen; approved by acclamation.
- **Announcements:** U City Parks#100 will be hosting their opening night reception of the park's centennial photo exhibit and video screening at the University City Library on Friday, February 9, 2024 beginning at 5 pm.

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