



**CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON ARTS & LETTERS
Heman Park Community Center . 975 Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 13, 2024 . 7:00 pm**

1. Call to Order / Roll Call
2. Citizens' comments: General comments may be made prior to agenda beginning. Citizens must make written request to speak on specific agenda items as items are addressed (Note: Comments are limited to 5 minutes).
3. Presentation: Karen Elshout / Public Art Proposal and Installation Request
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Staff Liaison Report
6. Council Liaison Report
7. Committee Reports
 - Calendar Art
 - Finance
 - Literary
 - Marketing
 - Public Art
 - Returning Artists
 - Starlight Concerts
 - Contract Discussion/Update
 - Weather Cancellation Policy
8. New Business
9. Old Business
 - Proposed Committee Budgets for FY24-25
 - Delmar Harvard Mosaic Murals
10. Announcements
11. Adjournment

Please Note: An attempt will be made to keep all agenda items and presentations to no longer than 10 minutes.

Enclosures: Draft of Minutes – May 9, 2024; Elshout Public Art Presentation

**Please note: If you are unable to attend, please contact Staff Liaison, Lynda Euell-Taylor by or before Noon
Thursday, June 13, 2024
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Thursday, May 9, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Members Participating: Sophia Allen, Marcie Dear, Grace Fitter, A'isha Hedges, Carol Jackson, Linda Jones, Richard Massey, Eleanor Mullin, Marian Reed, Olivia Steely, Charlene Temple, Larry Williams, Meg Zelenovich

Absent: Karla Brown; Council Liaison, Bwayne Smotherson

Also participating: Staff Liaison: Lynda Euell-Taylor

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Commission President Jones.

Minutes: Motion by Ms. Dear to approve April 2024 minutes with corrections (change Mullins to Mullin); seconded by Ms. Jackson; approved by acclimation.

Presentation: Loop Walls Mural Project and Festival artist Alex Jove, curator Savannah Bosler and University City Economic Development Specialist Montez Miles discussed two mural options for the public garage façade across from the Tivoli. The commission discussed and recommended that the nature option be used with revisions including: lighter, brighter, softer art and colors, and the addition of a lion. Ms. Euell-Taylor to share the outcome of the discussion with Mr. Miles by EOD, May 10.

Citizens Comments: No Citizen Comments.

Treasurer Report: Ms. Mullin shared a report indicating the general fund and Marvin Levy fund balances, recent expense of \$164 for Starlight posters. Motion by Ms. Jackson to approve Treasurer Report; seconded by Ms. Temple; approved by acclimation.

Staff Liaison Report: Raising Cane's Chicken approached Ms. Euell-Taylor about a fundraising opportunity for Starlight Concert, perhaps providing lemonade or sweet tea. Ms. Euell-Taylor is looking into the feasibility of this offer. Also, Heman Park Swimming Pool season 2024 begins Saturday, May 25, 2024.

Council Liaison Report: None

Committee Reports:

- **Calendar:** Ms. Steely indicated 2025 calendar ideas will be ready for the June 13th meeting.
- **Finance:** No Report.
- **Literary:** No Report. A June meeting is set for author selection for an award.
- **Marketing:** Ms. Jones posted Public Art and Starlight Concert update on the Commission's social media page.
- **Public Art:** Ms. Allen asked about Commission contact for Loop Business District, Ms. Euell-Taylor indicated (if in attendance) Mr. Smotherson is our voice in their meetings.
- **Returning Artist:** No Report.
- **Starlight Concert:** Replaced the last concert artist with Three Central (the other band cancelled), that contract still needs to be signed. Flyers and posters are done, jpegs available Friday, will soon be discussing 2025 artists, the 2024 series starts in three weeks, food trucks are not allowed for the concert (permit needed, electricity needed, generators too loud), the subcommittee decides the artists, Ms. Mullin and Ms. Jones must be present to sign the artist contract.
- **New Business:** Ms. Mullin asked about two signatures needed on checks over \$250, looking into that. Ms. Allen found some information in the binder that mentions treasurer and secretary for two signatures.

Protocol for meeting with bad weather, nothing in place, but the public needs to know 24-hours prior. Starlight Concerts call off concerts at noon for weather.

- **Old Business:**
- Ms. Jones provided a budget handout showing all committees needing budget preparation; Public Art doesn't need a budget as artists and signage are paid by the Levy Fund. Ms. Reed asked where donations go, answer: general fund.
- Ms. Mullin is still working on the mosaic art storage.
- Ms. Jones has requested Commissioners bring his/her binder to each meeting; All Commissioners (excluding executive board members) need to commit to two committees (executive position counts as one).
- Mr. Williams was sworn in at tonight's meeting; is now an official Commissioner
- Need to email Ms. Euell-Taylor for badges and committee selection.
- Costco donation application was included in tonight's Commission packet
- **Announcements:** No announcements.

Adjournment: Motion by Ms. Dear; seconded by Ms. Reed; approved by acclamation.
Meeting concluded at 8:44 pm.

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January 10, 2024

Mr. John Tieman
President of the University City Arts and Letters Commission

Hello Mr. Tieman,

My name is Karen Elshout and I have been a University City resident for forty five years and I would like to make a proposal that I believe will bring joy to our community.

For the past seven years I have devoted myself to making sculpture, a practice I have enjoyed my entire life. I have had my sculpture recognized by galleries, inclusion in sculpture shows and purchased by private collectors. My sculpture "Wild Hair" has been on display for the past couple of years in Grandview, Missouri, a suburb of Kansas City, as part of the "Sculpture On The Move" initiative.

I enter my work in shows all over the midwest but would actually prefer for it to be shown locally, and so I am offering to lend University City one of my sculptures to display.

As a community we should embrace public sculpture and invite other artist to display their work going forward. I believe art enlivens a community and is an engine for tourism, growth, and beauty.

I've included in this package pictures of my work and my CV, curriculum vitae.

And I've taken the initiative to envision what my work would look like displayed in our city using photoshop methods for you to understand what I am proposing here.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Karen Elshout
Sculptor

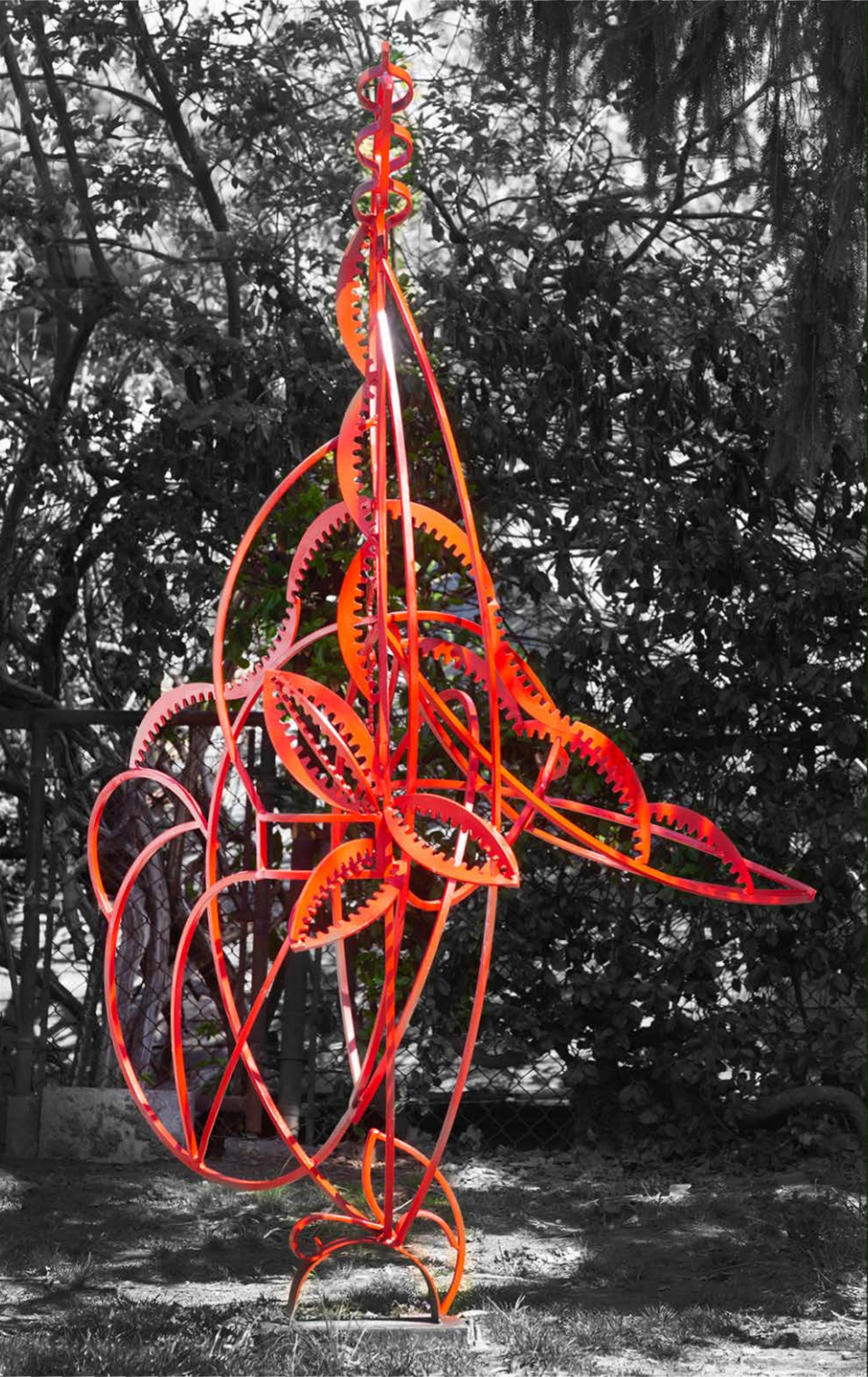






























Karen Elshout Sculpture
artist CV

Education

Cranbrook Academy H.S. 1970
B.S Indiana University 1974
St Louis Community College Meramec

Art Shows

St. Louis Artist Guild's Ann Metzger Memorial National Biennial Exhibition	2021
Octagon Center for the Arts in Ames, Ia "Octagonal: The All Media Show"	2022
Sculpture on the Move! recipient "Wild Hair" for Grandview, Mo.	2022
St. Louis Artist Guild Juried Members Exhibition	2022
Art Saint Louis juried show "Maturity and Its Muse" Honorable Mention' recipient for "Carefree"	2023
ArtVillage Sculpture Exhibition Fairview Heights, Il	2023

Private Collections

Dr. Mark and Reza Wrighton of St. Louis, Mo.
Phillip and Karen Berger of Olivette, Mo.
Donald and Joanne Singer of St. Louis, Mo.
Benoit and Sylvaine Hartmann of Lyons, France
Dr. Thomas and Anne Pittman of Lexington, Ky.