



REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON ARTS & LETTERS

Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania

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.