



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON ARTS & LETTERS

Heman Park Community Center . 975 Pennsylvania

Thursday, July 11, 2024 – 7:00 PM

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

**Absent:** Sophia Allen, Grace Fitter, Carol Jackson, Olivia Steely

**Also participating:** Staff Liaison: Lynda Euell-Taylor and Council Liaison: John Tieman

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Commission President Jones

**Minutes:** Motion by Ms. Temple to approve June 2024 minutes; seconded by Ms. Dear; all approved.

**Citizens Comments:** No Citizen Comments.

**Treasurer Report:** Ms. Mullin provided an End of Fiscal Year Report:

July 1, 2022: \$5561.35 balance in general fund  
June 30, 2023: \$7116.05 balance in general fund

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June 30, 2024: \$5771.17 balance in general fund

July 1, 2022: \$15,878.82 balance in Levy fund  
June 30, 2023: \$12,766.13 balance in Levy fund

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June 30, 2024: \$10,265.53 balance in Levy fund

President Jones requested a printed Treasurer's Report be included in the next and following meeting packets.

Motion by Ms. Jones to approve Treasurer Report; seconded by Ms. Brown; all approved.

**Staff Liaison Report:** Montez Miles reached out about a possible singular mural project that may be presented to A&L in the September meeting. Artist c215. Ms. Euell-Taylor recommended that a proposal for such projects be drafted by A&L.

**Council Liaison Report:** Mr. Tieman spoke with the city manager about creating a system/proposal to clarify and enforce art requests. Discussion ensued. Ms. Jones recommended someone create a proposal. Mr. Williams plans to look into some examples.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Calendar:** Ms. Zelenovich shared that the wording and half the photos for the 2025 calendar were submitted today to Ms. Euell-Taylor. Awaiting word on the other 6 photos. Possible 2026 theme: “Arts & Letters” with photos and descriptions from Literary events, Public Art, Returning Artists and Starlight Concerts.
- **Finance:** No Report.
- **Literary:** Ms. Mullin provided more details about the Sunday, October 20, 2024 literary event in the high school library. Poet Mary Jo Bang will be recognized as will the Adult Summer Reading program through the University City Library.
- **Marketing:** No Report, just a reminder to send any A&L event photos to [ucityartsandletters@gmail.com](mailto:ucityartsandletters@gmail.com)
- **Public Art:** Ms. Allen reached back to citizen/artist Karen Elshout.
- **Returning Artist:** Ms. Brown will have a meeting in 2 weeks.
- **Starlight Concert:** Mr. Massey had no report. Ms. Mullin shared a revised contract. The committee will meet to discuss and share outcome in September meeting. Ms. Mullin also discussed the budget. Because there’s a deficit and two September concerts, there will only be \$5323 for the June 2025 concerts. Hoping the Council will add \$5000. Mr. Williams will check with Councilman Smotherson.
- **New Business:** Ms. Mullin to look into a QR code with the bank. A&L binder review will happen via an email from Ms. Euell-Taylor with titles for the pages.
- **Old Business:** Ms. Mullin hoping U. City School district can store mural art.
- **Announcements:** Ms. Reed retired from the U. City school system after 25 years! Ms. Euell-Taylor has worked for U. City 38 years! No August A & L Meeting. Ms. Temple has done a great job of sharing her photos!

**Adjournment:** Motion by Ms. Brown; seconded by Ms. Reed; approved by acclamation.