



REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON ARTS & LETTERS

Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania

Thursday, June 13, 2024 – 7:00 PM

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

Absent: Linda Jones, Marian Reed

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

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

Minutes: Motion by Ms. Allen to approve May 2024 minutes; seconded by Mr. Williams; all approved.

Presentation: University City resident and artist Karen Elshout provided a Public Art Proposal and Installation Request in writing and explained her hope of loaning the City one of her sculptures. Metal sculptures are 6-8' tall, spray painted and bolted to concrete. Discussion followed re: cost of installation, location. Ms. Mullin and Ms. Zelenovich will respond to Ms. Elshout by email.

Citizens Comments: No Citizen Comments.

Treasurer Report: Ms. Mullin provided a detailed 2-page report and shared that Starlight had a total deficit of \$5,608.81. Motion by Mr. Williams to approve Treasurer Report; seconded by Ms. Brown; all approved.

Staff Liaison Report: The pool is open. Four badges are being order and 2 binders.

Council Liaison Report: Welcome Mr. Tieman former Arts & Letters President now Councilman.

Committee Reports:

- **Calendar:** Ms. Steely shared a list of writers to be highlighted in the upcoming calendar. Concern about photo rights were expressed. Ms. Steely and Ms. Zelenovich will submit calendar materials by July 5. A back-up plan was suggested: Arts & Letters as a theme with photos and descriptions from Literary events, Public Art, Returning Artists and Starlight Concerts, perhaps 3 of each.
- **Finance:** No Report.

- **Literary:** Ms. Mullin provided details about the Sunday, October 20, 2024 literary event in the high school library. Hoping to honor Poet Mary Jo Bang. Others considered include Mary Troy and Pattiann Rogers.
- **Marketing:** No Report.
- **Public Art:** Ms. Allen shared with Mr. Tieman about the Loop providing art requests 1 to 2 months in advance.
- **Returning Artist:** Ms. Brown requested help with this project. Ms. Fitter will meet to narrow the list of artists. The reception will take place on a Wednesday in November.
- **Starlight Concert:** Mr. Massey shared concerns about lack of toilet paper and soap in the restrooms at the last concert and also that benches were missing. Mr. Williams volunteered to check on these items the day before. Discussion followed about the Tuesday music concerts, banner location and contracts. Ms. Mullin made a motion to table the discussion about contracts until the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Williams: all approved.
- **New Business:** No New Business.
- **Old Business:** No Old Business.
- **Announcements:** No announcements.

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