



VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 . 6:30 PM

Minutes

Members in Attendance: Lisa Brenner, Suzanne Greenwald, Edwin Massie, Richard Ruderer, Dr. M. Jean Russell

Also participating: Bwayne Smotherson, Council Liaison; Lynda Euell-Taylor, Staff Liaison; Debbie Chase, University City Education Foundation

Call to Order: Richard Ruderer, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Ruderer moved approval of the June 22, 2022 agenda. Seconded by Ms. Greenwald. Approved by acclimation.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Ruderer moved approval of the minutes for April 13, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Massie. Approved by acclimation.

Treasure's Report: Ms. Euell-Taylor provided documents and reported the CALOP fund balance as of June 16, 2022. Mr. Ruderer moved approval of the June 22, 2022 report. Seconded by Ms. Greenwald. Approved by acclimation.

Chairperson Comments: None

Agenda Items:

Update – Scholarship Program for University City High School Students

Ms. Chase provided an overview of the actual scholarship funding program documents with the St. Louis Community Foundation; as well as the program's structure. After much discussion, Mr. Ruderer moved approval of the annual scholarship contribution be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Seconded by Ms. Greenwald. Approved by acclimation. Ms. Brenner thanked the commission for the generous and thoughtful contribution.

Educational Video by Matt Fox re: Missouri Environment Mr. Ruderer moved approval to grant \$10,000 for the educational video project. Seconded by Ms. Greenwald. Approved by acclimation.

Update – Fringe Festival

Mr. Ruderer moved approval of their matching RAC grant request of \$15,000 for the Fringe Festival video project. Seconded by Ms. Greenwald. Approved by acclimation.

Update – RAC Matching Grant Program

Mr. Ruderer moved approval of remaining CALOP funds (estimated \$30,000) be donated to the RAC matching grants program and strictly designated (based on CALOP standards) towards video projects awardees. Seconded by Dr. Russell. Approved by acclimation. Dr. Russell agreed to oversee this program.

Discussion – The Future of the CALOP

Mr. Ruderer again reminded the commission of Ms. Greenwald's decision to leave CALOP, shared Ms. Suarez has moved out of University City, believes his term is ending and Mr. Massie would also be leaving the commission; and with no new CALOP appointments, Mr. Ruderer indicated this could possibly be the last CALOP meeting. Mr. Ruderer indicated he'd spoken with Mayor Crowe regarding the future of CALOP and would be addressing its future and reconciliation at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Council Liaison Comments: Mr. Smotherson indicated he had nothing to report and thanked the commission for their commitment.

Next Meeting Date: TBD

Adjournment: At 7:06 pm; Motion by Mr. Ruderer, Seconded by Ms. Greenwald. Approved by acclimation.