



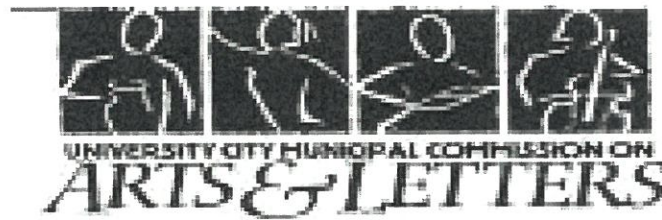
**CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON ARTS & LETTERS  
Heman Park Community Center . 975 Pennsylvania  
Thursday, October 9, 2025 . 7:00 pm**

1. Call to Order / Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Citizens' comments: General comments may be made prior to agenda beginning. Citizens must make a written request to speak on specific agenda items as items are addressed (Note: Comments are limited to 5 minutes).
4. Treasurer/Finance Report
5. Staff Liaison Report
6. Council Liaison Report
7. Committee Reports
  - Calendar Art
  - Finance
  - Literary
  - Marketing
  - Public Art
  - Returning Artists
  - Starlight Concerts
8. New Business
  - Commission Debit Card
9. Old Business
  - Submission of Monthly Committee Reports
  - Attendance/Absence Notification
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 – September 11, 2025; Monthly Committee Reports; 2026 U City Calendar Cover/Page Design

**Please note:  
If you are unable to attend, please contact Staff Liaison, Lynda Euell-Taylor  
by or before Noon Thursday, October 9, 2025  
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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON ARTS & LETTERS OF UNIVERSITY CITY

Thursday, September 11, 2025 – 7:00 PM

**Members Participating:** Sophia Allen, Karla Brown, Grace Fitter, A'isha Hedges, Carol Jackson, Linda Jones, Richard Massey, Rick Ruderer, Jane Schaefer, Larry Williams, Meg Zelenovich

**Absent:** Sophia Allen, Hope Horn, Olivia Steely, Charlene Temple

**Also participating:** Staff Liaison: Lynda Euell-Taylor, Council Liaison: Bwayne Smotherson

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

**Welcome:** New Commissioner: Jane Schaefer

**Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Ruderer to approve July 2025 minutes, seconded by Ms. Brown; approved by acclamation.

**Treasurer Report:** With Ms. Mullin's recent resignation Ms. Jones provided overview of three accounts: Levy Fund: \$7694.29, Main Account: \$6941.54 and Donation Account: \$70. Some monies in the main account were donated and will be moved to the donation fund. Motion by Mr. Williams to approve Treasurer Report was seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by acclamation.

**Staff Liaison Report:** Ms. Euell-Taylor announced a new interim parks director, reminder to turn in your committee reports by Tuesday noon the week of the monthly A&L meeting; email if you need a binder or a nametag; 10/24 Trunk or Treat participate with a decorated trunk, candy donation; Laughter, Lunch and Bingo for seniors is a great monthly, well-attended event with a catered lunch for \$5 also includes prizes and a special guest. There's a new senior services coordinator for the City: Linda Pritchard.

**Council Liaison Report:** Mr. Smotherson explained that commissioners can be on the A&L board up to two terms (4 years each), there are exceptions, like Marian Reed, who will reapply to fill Ms. Mullin's seat. She termed off January 2024. There was a public hearing on September 8 re: the CALOP monies. It was voted to use \$50,000 for a

scholarship at the high school for \$2000/year. Other ideas are being discussed for the remaining monies.

Mr. Ruderer asked if the Council had made a decision re: sponsorships opportunities for A&L. Mr. Smotherson requested an email from Mr. Ruderer to then ask the Council and will get back to A&L with a response.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Calendar:** Ms. Zelenovich explained that the committee met on 8/4 to discuss 2027 ideas and will share in a future meeting. Looking forward to 2026 proofs.

**Finance:** No report.

**Literary:** No report.

**Marketing:** Ms. Jones reported that they are continuing to look for outlets for marketing. Also discussed Venmo and CashApp with Commerce Bank, but there's a 3% service charge. Zel was suggested. More research to follow.

**Public Art:** Ms. Hedges mentioned a collaborative mural project likely to happen at Ackert Park with the theme: The History of U. City Celebrated in Pattern. This will be created with several artists. Projected dates: 4/12/26 and reception 4/19/26. Note A&L partnership with WASHU is celebrating 40 years.

**Returning Artist:** Ms. Fitter provided updates for the upcoming event. Reception was 10/15, now is Tuesday, 10/14. SDUC Communications created an RSVP form and will be sharing the link through their channels. The fall 2025 issue of ROAR includes an RA article and an article will also appear in the Homecoming issue of Pride.

**Starlight Concerts:** Mr. Massey and his committee met. Shakespeare event went well, excluding the lack of lighting. Working on the upcoming concerts starting this Sunday, 9/14. Artist has been out of touch, but finding other avenues to reach him.

**New Business:** Ms. Jones reminded the Board to provide meeting absences to Ms. Euell-Taylor. If people want to join the Board, send them to the City's website. Ms. Steely is the only one on the Literary Committee, Ms. Brown agreed to join her and remove herself from Starlight. As Ms. Mullin resigned as treasurer, that position is now open, please consider filling that spot.

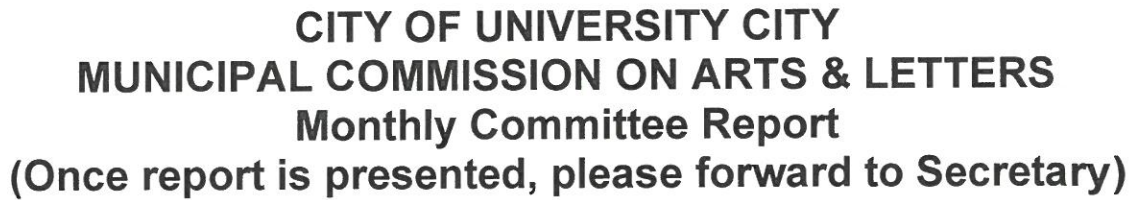
**Old Business:** Ms. Jones asked that you encourage folks to join A&L as two members are terming off soon. Follow A&L on FB. Get in the habit of providing monthly committee reports.



**Announcements:** Ms. Fitter mentioned a variety of UCHS musical events to attend.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Williams; seconded by Ms. Schaefer approved by acclamation.

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**Monthly Committee Report**

**(Once report is presented, please forward to Secretary)**

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**Committee Members:** Charlene Temple, Larry Williams, Grace Fitter,  
Rick Ruderer, Linda Jones

**Our committee would like to report to the Commission the following:**

- Did not meet as a committee.
- Facebook insight: mostly women 65+ are viewing the content
- Followers on the FB page have increased
- From the Events for the Fall concert series the most
- responses were for Coleman Hughes
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**Our committee would like to report to the Commission the following:**

- The Public Arts committee has received information from the public hearing held in September
- regarding funding being discussed for proposed usage of the remaining CALOP funds.
- The Mayor and Council are in current discussion and will provide feedback on the application
- process once finalized. It will be the Public Arts committee intent to apply for a portion of this
- funding that could be utilized to re-place the Levy Fund that will be exhausted soon.
- This way we might be able to continue funding the artist for at least a year or more.



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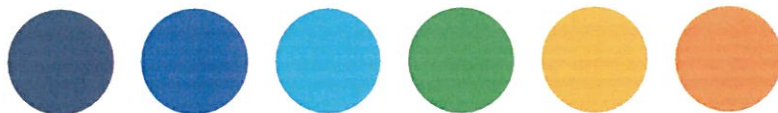
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- Tuesday, October 14th will be the RA masterclass with all high school dancers at UCHS
- Wednesday, October 15th will be the RA masterclass with all middle school dancers at BWMS
- Andrea is going to make a guided movement video for all of the district elementary school students that can be shared with their music teachers and done in their music classes
- The RA Reception will be on Tuesday, October 14th from 7-9:30 pm in the UCHS Library Media Center
- District Communications has made an RSVP link, and there are 34 confirmed attendees thus far to the Reception.
- Posters have been distributed to each school in the district, and are being put up in various community locations (the Commons, UCPL, Meshuggah Cafe, Blue Element Salon, Christ the King Catholic Church, etc.)
- The Proclamation is underway and invites will be sent to the Superintendent, the Mayor, the councilmen, and other notable community members
- Items are being purchased for the Reception





Color Pallet options





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**DID YOU KNOW?** The City of University City Recreation Division partners with the St. Louis Cardinals Cardinal Care to provide Redbird Rookies, a free non-competitive youth baseball program. All University City youth ages 5-13 are welcome to participate. The Division also partners with the St. Louis Cardinals Cardinal Care to provide NIKE RBI, a free baseball/softball program for University City teens aged 14-19 who want to play at a competitive level. Watch for 2026 registration information.

Redbird Rookies/NIKE RBI



**SUNDAY**

**BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS** are held at the Herman Park Community Center.

**CONTACTS**  
Police Anonymous Tips: 314-863-7333  
Property Nuisance Hotline: 314-505-8725

**MONDAY**

**LOCATIONS**  
Herman Park Community Center (HPRCC)  
375 Pennsylvania Ave.  
U City Public Library  
6701 Dolmar Blvd.  
Centennial Commons  
7210 Olive Blvd.

**TUESDAY**

**JEWISH HOLIDAYS** begin at sundown on the day preceding listed holidays.  
**COLLECTION**  
A map for the leaf, RI, and bulk item collection can be found on the inside back cover of this calendar.

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

3	4 Street Sweeping this week - East Area	5 Sewerwater Commission 3:30PM @HPRCC	6	7	8	9
10	11 Street Sweeping this week - Central Area	12 Traffic Commission 6:30PM @HPRCC	13 Urban Forestry Commission 6:00PM @Cent. Com.	14 Arts & Letters Commission 7:00PM @HPRCC	15	16
17	18 Senior Commission 6:00PM Street Sweeping this week - West Area	19 Park Commission 6:30PM @HPRCC	20	21	22 Members Only VIP Pool Party 5:00PM @Herman Pool	23 Herman Pool 2026 Season Begins Centennial Commons Saturday Summer Hours 8:00AM - 8:00PM
24 Centennial Commons Sunday Summer Hours 10:00AM - 5:00PM	25 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> City Hall Closed No RI/Recycling Collection Memorial Day Run	26 RI/Recycling Collection for Monday Route Street Sweeping this week - Private Subdivisions	27 RI/Recycling Collection for Tuesday Route	28 RI/Recycling Collection for Wednesday Route Laughter, Lunch and Bingo for Seniors 60+ 10:00AM @HPRCC	29 RI/Recycling Collection for Thursday Route	30 RI/Recycling Collection for Friday Route

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