



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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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)

For the month of October Year 2025

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Committee Members: Olivia Steely

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

- We need 1-2 more members since we are down to 1
- John Wright Sr. has not yet been contacted as the winner of the literary award
- The date of the literary award ceremony would need to be scheduled for a later date, since it did not happen this fall

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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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Committee Members: Sophia Allen, A'isha Hedges, Richard Ruderer

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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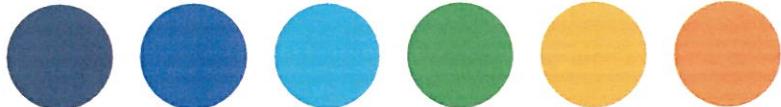
Committee Members: Grace Fitter, Linda Jones, Karla Brown, Sophia Allen

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

- 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

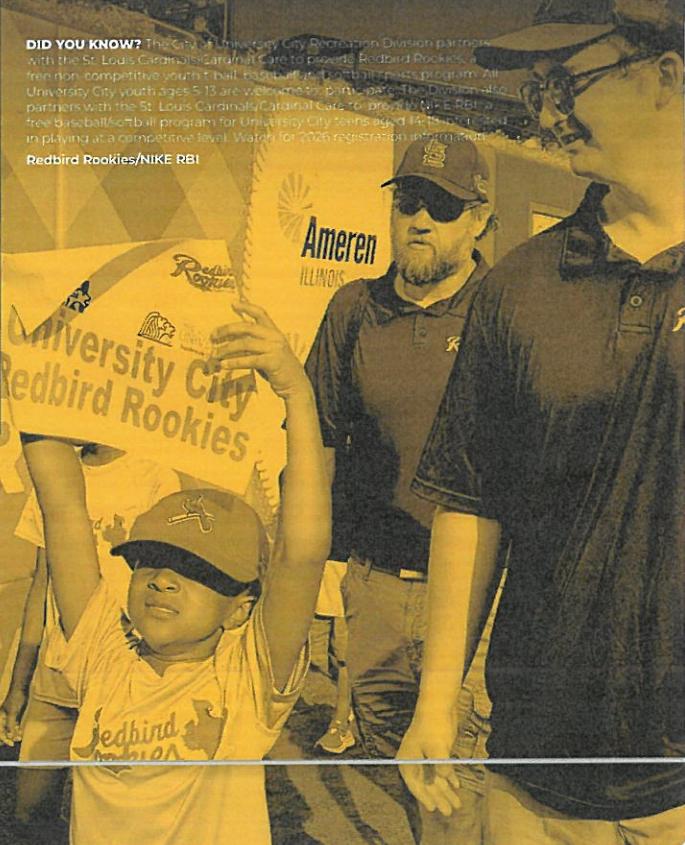




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DID YOU KNOW? The City of University City Recreation Division partners with the St. Louis Cardinals/Cardinal Care to provide Redbird Rookies, a free non-competitive youth t-ball baseball/softball training program. All University City youth ages 5-13 are welcome to play/pitch. 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 14-18 interested in playing at a competitive level. Watch for 2026 registration information.

Redbird Rookies/NIKE RBI



SUNDAY
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY

BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS are held at the Herman Park Community Center	LOCATIONS Herman Park Community Center (HPCC) 375 Pershing/Adams Ave	JEWISH HOLIDAYS begin at sundown on the day preceding listed holidays.			1	2
CONTACTS Dog/Barking Anonymous Tips: 314.863.7233 Property Nuisance Hotline: 314.505.8725	U City Public Library 6701 Delmar Blvd Centennial Commons 7210 Olive Blvd	COLLECTION A map for the Leaf Rd. and bulk item collection can be found on the inside back cover of this calendar.				
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Street Sweeping this week - East Area	Street Sweeping this week - East Area	Stormwater Commission 3:30PM, @HPCC				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Street Sweeping this week - Central Area	Traffic Commission 6:30PM, @HPCC	Urban Forestry Commission 8:00AM, @CentCom	Arts & Leisure Commission 7:00PM, @HPCC			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Senior Commission 6:00PM Street Sweeping this week - West Area	Park Commission 6:30PM, @HPCC				Members Only VIP Pool Party 5:00PM, @Herman Pool Senior Blend Centennial Commons Saturday Summer Hours 8:00AM-10:00PM	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Centennial Commons Sunday Summer Hours 10:00AM-8:00PM	MEMORIAL DAY City Hall Closed *No Rd. Recycling Collection Memorial Day Run	Rd. Recycling Collection for Monday Route Street Sweeping this week - Private Subdivisions	Rd. Recycling Collection for Tuesday Route	Rd. Recycling Collection for Wednesday Route Laughter, Lunch and Bingo for Seniors 60+ 10:00AM, @HPCC	Rd. Recycling Collection for Thursday Route	Rd. Recycling Collection for Friday Route
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Visit WWW.UCITYMO.ORG for calendar adjustments