



## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON ARTS & LETTERS OF UNIVERSITY CITY**

**Thursday, July 10, 2025 – 7:00 PM**

**Members Participating:** Sophia Allen, Karla Brown, Grace Fitter, A’isha Hedges, Carol Jackson, Linda Jones, Richard Massey, Marian Reed, Charlene Temple, Larry Williams, Meg Zelenovich

**Absent:** Eleanor Mullin, Rick Ruderer, Olivia Steely

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commission President Jones

**Minutes:** Motion by Ms. Brown to approve June 2025 minutes with correction, seconded by Ms. Reed; approved by acclamation.

**Treasurer Report and Finance Committee Report:** Ms. Jones provided overview of three accounts: Levy Fund: \$7707.75, Main Account: \$9145.22 and Donation Account: \$80. Motion by Mr. Williams to approve Treasurer Report was seconded by Ms. Reed and approved by acclamation.

**Staff Liaison Report:** No Report. Reminder to get committee reports in by deadline.

**Council Liaison Report:** Mr. Smotherson explained that the A&L budget was passed the end of June. The \$5000 addition approved. RAC director is willing to partner and help with a grant for Starlight. Grant program opens in January. RAC 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party is August 28.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Calendar:** Ms. Zelenovich explained that the committee didn’t meet since the last A&L meeting. 2026 Calendar materials will be submitted by August 1 deadline. Ideas for 2027 will be shared in September meeting.

**Finance:** No report.

**Literary:** No report.

**Marketing:** Ms. Jones reported that the committee is looking for outlets for marketing, free advertising. And discussed QR code with Commerce Bank. Is looking into CashApp.

**Public Art:** No report. Looking into ways to raise capital to continue the project. WU may receive some special funding if a donation can be made. Mr. Smotherson mentioned CLAOP monies that will be discussed in September Council Meeting.

**Returning Artist:** Ms. Fitter shared that dancer Andrea Peoples this year's returning artist and will be visiting Oct. 13-18 (Homecoming Week). Oct. 15 reception UCHS library.

**Starlight Concerts:** Mr. Massey reported on the success of the three June concerts. Looking into and asking for help to further advertise the September concerts with flyers, yard signs and posting two additional banners.

**New Business:** Ms. Jones reminded that attendance to A&L meeting is important. Let Ms. Euell-Taylor know if you can't be there. Two unexcused absences are grounds for removal. Ms. Reed asked about flyer correction for Starlight. Mr. Massey to correct immediately.

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

**Announcements:** Ms. Fitter mentioned free Jazz Concert on August 16.

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