



**CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON ARTS & LETTERS
Heman Park Community Center . 975 Pennsylvania
Thursday, February 12, 2026 . 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 written request to speak on specific agenda items as items are addressed (Note: Comments are limited to 5 minutes).
4. Presentation – 2026 Mannequins in The Loop – Audrey Jones – vote required
5. Presentation – 2026 Season Overview – University City Summer Band – Bette Welch
6. Presentation – 2026 Arts & Letters/Washington University Public Art Mural – Sage Dawson/Matthew Bernstein – vote required
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Staff Liaison Report
9. Council Liaison Report
10. Committee Reports
 - Starlight Concerts
 - Returning Artists
 - Public Art
 - Marketing
 - Literary
 - Finance
 - Calendar Art
11. New Business
12. Old Business
 - Development of process for the creation of University City Municipal Flag
 - Arts & Letters Commissioner Recruitment
13. Announcements
14. 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 – November 13, 2025

**Please note: If you are unable to attend, please contact Staff Liaison, Lynda Euell-Taylor by or before Noon
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Members Participating: Karla Brown, Grace Fitter, Hope Horn, Carol Jackson, Linda Jones, Richard Massey, Jane Schaefer, Charlene Temple, Meg Zelenovich

Absent: Sophia Allen, A'isha Hedges

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

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Commission President Jones

Minutes: Motion by Ms. Brown to approve October 2025 minutes, seconded by Ms. Temple; approved by acclamation.

Treasurer Report: Ms. Jones reported: Levy Fund: \$7680.31, Main Account: \$6696.54 reflects reimbursement from the City. Motion by Ms. Zelenovich to approve Treasurer Report, seconded by Ms. Schaefer, and approved by acclamation.

Staff Liaison Report: Ms. Euell-Taylor announced that the \$5000 from the City for Starlight was accidentally placed in the Centennial account, it is now in the A&L account. This month's bingo event was pushed up due to Thanksgiving holiday. There is a collaboration with Operation Food Search and Centennial Commons through 11/25 and a blood drive on black Friday. Trunk or Treat was a success.

Council Liaison Report: Mr. Smotherson explained that commissioner Marian Reed needs to reapply to return to her spot on the Commission. And brought up Mr. Massey's video and suggested that it be discussed, it was moved to Starlight's report slot.

Committee Reports:

Calendar: Ms. Zelenovich asked for another commissioner to join her as Ms. Steely resigned and awaiting Ms. Reed's application. Brainstorming for 2027.

Finance: Ms. Zelenovich reported that as secretary she is required to be on the Finance Committee with the treasurer. Again, we need to appoint a treasurer.

Literary: Ms. Brown shared that the next event is not until October of 2026. It was again suggested that this Committee join with Returning Artists.

Marketing: Ms. Jones reported on 10/10/25 she and Mr. Williams met with IT Manager Eric Walls and UCPD IT Dispatcher Charles Noel about the out-of-date site: universitycityartsandletters.wordpress.com. They asked to have administrative rights to update it or eliminate it. It has been inactive since 2022 but can still be viewed. Rights were granted and they are planning to take it down until someone can work on it. Ms. Jones and Ms. Euell-Taylor have rights to FB.

Public Art: In Ms. Hedges absence Ms. Jones read the report provided in the meeting packet. Mat Berstein of WASHU invited Ms. Hedges to attend the Summer Public Design Workshop-Invitation for Community Proposals meeting. This opportunity invites the submission of community-driven or civic-minded projects that strengthen local priorities or directly benefit the public. Only one project will be selected for Summer 2026, with a project budget of approximately \$25,000 to support design and implementation over a 4-week period. She attended with A&L Public Arts projects in mind, but WASHU already collaborates with us, our current work does not qualify. If other committees within the Commission have projects that could be completed within the 4-week timeline, you may be eligible for this funding. Also have info about another potential funding with Economic Development Retail Sales Tax (EDRST). Could help advance U. City Public Art initiatives and expand our partnership with WASHU's Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts. Waiting to see if A&L can submit a proposal for this funding. Updates, to follow. Ms. Euell-Taylor is checking.

Returning Artist: Event reception was great. The artist didn't dance, but shared her journey. Charcuterie cups were well received.

Starlight Concerts: Mr. Massey spoke about the pilot video. The Committee will meet to discuss.

New Business: Ms. Schaefer will join the Public Arts and Literary Committees. Ms. Horn will join Calendar and be part of the executive team as treasurer. Please encourage others to join A&L as 4 spots are open. If you term off, LaRette will communicate with you. Ms. Jackson and Mr. Massey term off in January but can be reinstated if you request before you term off.

Old Business: Ms. Jones explained A&L now has a debit card for purchases but must be within the budget. Note, also use the tax-exempt form.

Announcements: Ms. Fitter shared UCHS partnership with Barnes & Noble, a 11/19 from 5 to 7pm. Acknowledgement for Ms. Jackson as a veteran, thank you.

Adjournment: Motion by Ms. Zelenovich to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Fitter approved by acclamation.