

CALOP Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 26, 2010
University City City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room
6:00 PM

Members Present: Eric Friedman, James Reeves, Mae Etta Weston, Gladys Creer, Bob Wilcox, and Councilman L. Michael Glickert

Members Absent: Dennis Riggs, Rick Simoncelli, Mary Williams

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Friedman at 6:10 pm. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Creer and seconded by Mr. Reeves. The motion was approved.

Minutes from July 29, 2010 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Reeves and seconded by Ms. Creer. The motion was approved.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Friedman reported that CALOP will be honored at the annual luncheon of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments. CALOP has been selected to receive a 2010 Outstanding Local Government Achievement Award (OLGA). The award recognizes successful efforts to support creation of local films. CALOP was one of eleven (11) chosen from a field of forty-eight (48) applicants. Luncheon will be held on Friday, November 12, 2010 from 12 noon to 1:30 pm at the Ballpark Hilton.

OLGA will provide one complimentary ticket to the event. It was agreed that Genise Lay receive the complimentary ticket due to her extraordinary work with CALOP. Mr. Friedman reported he had spoken with the City Manager and the City will purchase a table of eight. Mr. Friedman made a motion to purchase eight (8) tickets for Commissioners at a cost of \$280.00 with funds coming from the Events and Reception Budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilcox and approved.

Website

The domain name has not yet been linked. Information about CALOP can be obtained through the U. City website.

Public Hearing

On September 16, 2010 CALOP held its public hearing. Commissioners Friedman, Weston, and Wilcox were in attendance. Also present were Council members Michael Glickert and Steve Kraft. There was one CALOP awardee present who expressed concern over unauthorized usage of her work in a project aired on HEC-TV. Mr. Friedman will follow-up with Dennis Riggs regarding this matter.

Five Year Plan

Based on concerns raised about ownership and use of footage during the public hearing, Mr. Friedman will ask Commissioners to review the section of the Five Year Plan dealing with these issues.

Treasurer's Report

The Commission reviewed the financial report. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Creer. The motion was approved.

Resignation

Commissioners reviewed a letter from Beverly Brandt offering her resignation from the CALOP Commission. Mr. Reeves moved that her resignation be accepted with regret, seconded by Mr. Wilcox. The motion was approved

Ms. Brandt's resignation creates an opening on the Commission. Councilman Glickert explained that the City Clerk is to be notified so the vacancy can be posted. All members were encouraged

to recommend persons to fill this vacancy by contacting the City Clerk, Joyce Pumm at jpumm@ucitymo.org or 505-8605.

Grant Liaison Reports

Mr. Wilcox reported that due to unforeseen personal and financial setbacks Mr. Snyder will be unable to complete the St. Louis Brau project. He has offered to pay back funds received.

Mr. Wilcox also advised that Mr. Byington had also encountered difficulties and could not finish the Wehrenberg Theatres film. Mr. Byington has been in negotiations with another film maker to take over the project. The members agreed that this individual should submit a written proposal with his request to assume full responsibility for the film.

Ms. Creer reported that Edie Barnard had completed her work on U City Sleuths. Project is now awaiting final approval by Dennis Riggs. Ms. Creer will contact the Kelly Twins for update on Sustainable St. Louis

Former commissioner Beverly Brandt disclosed in an email that Bill Streeter was close to completing the film St. Louis Brick. Mr. Streeter had expressed that he would like to make a request for his next payment installment and that he may need an extension.

Ms. Creer thanked Chairman Friedman for his hard work and vision. All Commissioners agreed, and acknowledged that his leadership has enabled CALOP to move forward in a positive fashion. Mr. Friedman stressed that teamwork is the key to the success of the group.

Grant Application Review

Fourteen applications were reviewed. Written input from absent members was included in final decision making. Seven were approved for further discussion and seven were rejected. Mr. Friedman suggested that in the future we might want to assign each Commissioner one application to review and present to the entire commission. This would save time and energy when we have a large group of applicants.

Applications for Review on October 28, 2010

Track Stars: A History of the Penrose Velodrome
Victim Voices
Earthways: Living the Green
A Show of Strength
Jim Crow to Barack Obama
Comic Geeks
America Revisited, St. Louis

Brent Jaimes
Edie Barnard
Earthways Center
Franklin Oros
Denise Ward Brown
Brian Spath
Old North St. Louis Restoration Group

Applicants not going to be considered at this time for Further Review

The Puppet Project
Overskilled and Underemployed
Muya-Muya
Holistic Child Care
The Day We Landed Part 3
Project Destination
Experimental Video

Friends of the Marionnettes
Walter McElroy-Lou Crew
First Punch Film Productions
Alicia Hottle
Flying Fish Productions
NetWide Production
Dickson Beall

Mr. Wilcox moved to adjourn at 8:13 pm. Seconded by Mr. Reeves. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mae Etta Weston
Secretary