

CALOP Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 24, 2011  
University City City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
6:00 PM

Members Present: Eric Friedman, James Reeves, Rick Simoncelli, Mae Etta Weston, Gladys Creer, Bob Wilcox, and Dennis Riggs.

Members Absent: Mary Williams, Councilman L. Michael Glickert

Also Present: Lehman Walker, Genise Lay, Rick Rubbelke

#### 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. Simoncelli. The motion was approved.

#### Wehrenberg Theatres First 100 Years

The commission spoke with Rick Rubbelke about his interest in completing the film Wehrenberg Theatres. Previously CALOP had granted funding to Daniel Byington, who had informed the commission that he was unable to complete the film. Mr. Byington recommended Mr. Rubbelke to the commission. The commission informed Mr. Rubbelke about the amount of funding already provided (\$6,785) and the remaining balance (\$1,125) of the grant. Mr. Rubbelke pointed out that his interest in the film would be around founder and not the theater as proposed in Byington's grant application. Mr. Rubbelke would like read the grant contract and talk with Mr. Byington. CALOP will make a determination after that.

#### Approval of Minutes

The commission reviewed the February 24, 2011 minutes. A correction was made to paragraph 4, line 2 to reflect that Mr. Wilcox seconded the motion to approve the agenda. After noting the correction, a motion to approve the minutes with corrections was made by Ms. Weston and seconded by Mr. Reeves. The motion was approved.

#### Chairman's Report

Mr. Friedman reported that the new grant contracts had been signed and payment sent to all with the exception of Midwest Center for Media Literacy [and Comic Geeks]. The commission is waiting for contract documents and checklists to be finalized.

Mr. Friedman also relayed that Washington University had advised that the option to donate films to its archives be included in the grant contracts. There was discussion about Washington University's proposal such as copyright and licensing as well as language regarding an annual deposit. Mr. Friedman and Mr. Reeves will meet with Nadia Gossedi, the archives director, to discuss concerns with the proposal and contract.

Ms. Creer suggested grammatical corrections to Exhibit C of the grant contract. The exhibit will be amended as suggested by Ms. Creer.

#### Treasurer's Report

Mr. Simoncelli presented the February 28, 2011 financial report to the commission. Mr. Simoncelli reported that Charter Communications recently sent payment but it will not be reflected until the next financial report. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Weston. The motion was approved.

#### Grant Contracts

Mr. Wilcox suggested that the deadline date identified in grant contracts be synonymous with the date the contract is fully executed. After discussion, a motion was made to have the contract period begin on the date that the first check is issued. After further discussion, Mr. Wilcox amended the motion to have the contract period begin on the date the check is issued and end one year from that date and to apply this process to the current contracts. The motion was

seconded by Mr. Simoncelli and approved. A letter will be sent to grantees regarding the date. The language for the contract will be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### Funding for Access

Mr. Riggs reported that January 2012 funding for local original access programming will change. Currently University City receives funding for CALOP through cable franchises however the agreement will expire December 31. Cable franchises will have the opportunity to back out of the agreement. Mr. Riggs explained that legislation will be filed at the house level to keep the funding in place and suggested that the commission try to garner support from council to get the bill passed. Mr. Friedman recommended that the commission get legislative support and contact franchises for continued support. A motion was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Weston to pursue legislative and franchise support. The motion was approved.

#### Grant Liaison Report

Jim Crow to Barack Obama: Ms. Weston reported that Mrs. Ward-Brown, the filmmaker, is trying to recruit young people for the film. Ms. Weston will contact Mary Williams, CALOP's school liaison for assistance.

Discussion was held on whether it is permissible for grantees to have film information on their website as they move along on the project. Mr. Riggs expressed concern that CALOP may be associated with something it has not seen/approved.

U. City Sleuths: Ms. Creer reported that filmmaker Edie Barnard is waiting for one more release. Sutter Meyer House Commission has requested use of a small portion of the U. City Sleuth film, so Ms. Barnard has asked for CALOP's permission. A motion to allow Edie Barnard to use a portion of U. City Sleuth to show to Sutter Meyer House project was made by Ms. Creer and seconded by Mr. Wilcox. The motion was approved.

Sustainable St. Louis: Ms. Creer reported that filmmaker Bridget Ries requested a 3-month extension until May 2011. A motion to grant an extension until June 1, 2011 was made by Ms. Creer and seconded by Mr. Wilcox. The motion was approved.

No Place Like It: Mr. Simoncelli reported that the story line is changing and the film may be longer than 30 minutes. Filmmaker Lee Ann Nelson asked for an extension. Mr. Simoncelli requested that the filmmaker send the request in writing; however, the written request has not been received. Mr. Simoncelli will follow up.

Comic Geeks: The contract has not been signed. Mr. Simoncelli will follow up.

Tennessee Williams: Mr. Riggs reported that a Show & Tell will be conducted at the U City Library, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

Johnnie Be Good: Mr. Riggs reported that the film is in its third edit. Art Holliday, the filmmaker, sought Paul McCartney as a participant but Mr. McCartney did not accept. Kevin Spacey is being considered as a narrator. Mr. Holliday is hopeful to complete the film this year.

University City Education Co-op Film: Ms. Weston reported that the film has been finished and was sent to Dennis Riggs for review. Ms. Weston will have Mary Williams contact Mr. Riggs.

St. Louis Brick: CALOP received a request from Chris Clark, Artistic Director of Cinema St. Louis, to show Bill Streeter's film St. Louis Brick at the St. Louis Filmmaker's film festival. A motion to approve showing the film at the St. Louis Filmmaker's film festival was made by Ms. Creer and seconded by Mr. Wilcox. The motion was approved. An amendment to the motion was made by Ms. Creer and seconded by Mr. Wilcox that the film should not be shown until it is approved by the commission. Discussion was held on the matter. The motion was approved.

#### Recycling Project

Mr. Riggs explained the recycling project that HEC-TV will be involved in. The project will lead up to Earth Day in November. The project may focus on recycling history, single stream recycling,

and emphasize the importance of recycling to children. Mr. Riggs will keep the commission abreast of the details as they are worked out and see if there is interest in the community and det other knowledgeable groups or individuals involved in the project.

The commission discussed how the current state of the city's trash services may impact its decision to commission a recycling project. Recently, the city was considering outsourcing its trash services. Mr. Walker informed the commission that he recommended to the council that the city not outsource.

A motion to proceed with the Request for Proposal with minor changes was made by Ms. Weston and seconded by Mr. Simoncelli. However, Mr. Friedman suggested a redraft and get suggestions back to Mr. Simoncelli and Ms. Weston.

Mr. Friedman informed the commission that he asked Mr. Brian Schnuck about serving on the commission, but Mr. Schnuck could not make the meeting. Mr. Friedman asked the commission to submit their recommendations to City Clerk Joyce Pumm.

#### Next Meeting Date

Mr. Friedman and Ms. Weston will not be able to attend the meeting April 28, 2011. A motion to omit the April meeting and schedule the next meeting in May was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Creer. The motion was approved. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2011.

#### Unanticipated

No report.

Mr. Wilcox moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weston and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mae Etta Weston  
Secretary

Prepared by Genise Lay