

CALOP Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 23, 2011  
University City City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
6:00 PM

Members Present: Eric Friedman, Rick Simoncelli, Mae Etta Weston, Gladys Creer, and Robert Wilcox.

Members Absent: James Reeves, Dennis, Riggs, Mary Williams and Councilman L. Michael Glickert

Also Present: Genise Lay

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Friedman at 6:07 pm. A motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Weston. The motion was approved.

#### Approval of Minutes

The commission reviewed the May 26, 2011 minutes. The following changes were made to the minutes:

- Paragraph 9, Line 2 to read: "reported that Charter Communications and AT&T recently sent payment, and the city accounting"
- Paragraph 8, Line 1 to read: "Mr. Friedman reported that he attended a three-hour preview/screening of Johnnie Be Good, and that the raw material in the film was excellent."

A motion to approve the minutes as revised was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Creer. The motion was approved.

#### Recycling Proposal

Ms. Weston asked for clarification on who was approved to serve on the recycling project advisory committee. Mr. Friedman asked that Ms. Weston serve as a member. Mr. Friedman informed the commission that the following individuals would serve on the advisory committee:

- Commissioners Mae Etta Weston and Rick Simoncelli
- A member of the Sustainability Department of St. Louis University
- Director of Solid Waste, Jefferson Solid Waste Management
- Lynnette Hicks, City of University City Public Works Manager
- Dennis Riggs, HEC-TV Director

Mr. Friedman also relayed that a draft of the recycling RFP will be sent to the commission.

#### Chairman's Report

Mr. Friedman reported that he met with Margie Newman and Art Holiday regarding the raw material for Mr. Holiday's film Johnnie Be Good. Ms. Newman agreed to act as the documentary doctor for the film.

Mr. Friedman relayed that he met with Nadia Ghasedi, Washington University Archived Director to review Washington University's proposed contract for archiving CALOP films due to lack of clarity in the version provided by Washington University. Revisions have been made to the proposal and will be sent to CALOP members. Once revisions are complete, the contract will be presented to grantees.

#### CALOP Films at U. City Library

Mr. Friedman reported that the Library had said that they had not received any films recently. A current list of CALOP films housed at the library was provided to the commission. Ms. Lay reported that some films had been delayed because a description for the library catalog was not

provided. Mr. Friedman asked that Ms. Lay contact the Library to find out what was needed to transmit the films. Mr. Friedman also asked that the description requirement be included in the checklist so that filmmakers may provide as a part of their final submission. A status report will be provided at the next commission meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report

Mr. Simoncelli presented the May 31, 2011 financial report to the commission. Mr. Simoncelli reported that AT&T recently sent payment. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Mr. Simoncelli and seconded by Ms Creer. The motion was approved.

#### Grant Liaisons

Comic Geeks – Mr. Simoncelli asked about the status of the contract amendment for Comic Geeks. Mr. Friedman will send the amendment to Ms. Lay and Comic Geeks. Mr. Simoncelli reported that Brian Spath, filmmaker for Comic Geeks, was working on the script and securing an accountant and legal representation.

St. Louis Brick – Mr. Simoncelli reported that filmmaker Bill Streeter submitted the final version of the film for review. Mr. Simoncelli will report on the film next month.

There's No Place Like It – Mr. Simoncelli reported that the completion date for the film had been extended to September 1, 2011 and asked if a letter regarding such had been sent to filmmaker Lee Ann Nelson. Ms. Lay will prepare and send a letter to Ms. Nelson.

Penrose Velodrome – No report.

A Show of Strength – Mr. Wilcox reported that filmmaker Franklin Oros was on target with the project. The filmmaker has been working with Show Me Sound and developing the story.

Wehrenberg Theatre First 100 Years – Mr. Wilcox reported that Mr. Rubbelke is very excited about the project. Mr. Rubbelke met with Wehrenberg representatives. Mr. Wilcox relayed that there was nothing contractual between Mr. Rubbelke and the commission regarding completion of the film. Mr. Friedman suggested that Mr. Wilcox ask Mr. Rubbelke what was needed to complete the project. Ms. Weston expressed concern about allocating more funds for the film. Mr. Simoncelli felt that Mr. Rubbelke should submit a new application. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Creer that the commission ask Mr. Rubbelke to revise the original proposal. The motion was approved.

JC2BO – Ms. Weston reported that she had attended a crew meeting and viewed a 10-minute clip of the film. Ms. Weston explained that the youth interviewed elders; the youth were then given the opportunity to express what they felt about the elders' interviews in a video diary. The youth were also going on field trips.

Sustainable St. Louis – Ms. Creer reported that the filmmaker said they would be finished by July 1.

#### Five-Year Plan

The commission reviewed a revised draft of the five-year plan. Various suggestions on revising the draft were made. However, finalizing the draft was tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Friedman suggested that revisions be sent to Mr. Wilcox so that they are available at the next meeting.

The commission discussed the archives objective. Mr. Friedman will work on development of the objective. Mr. Wilcox was appointed to work with the University City Historical Society per the five-year plan.

#### Unanticipated

Mr. Friedman relayed that he had received a request to fund a Black Film Festival. However, the commission determined that funding for film festivals has not been a part of CALOP's goals.

Ms. Weston informed the commission that CALOP had not been mentioned as a sponsor in an HEC-TV article about the film, U. City Sleuths.

The commission discussed whether to have a fall grant round. A motion that the commission proceed with the recycling project through the end of the year and start a new grant round in January 2012 was made by Mr. Simoncelli and seconded by Ms. Creer. The motion was approved.

Mr. Simoncelli moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weston and approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mae Etta Weston  
Secretary

Prepared by Genise Lay