

CALOP Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 27, 2011  
University City City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
6:00 PM

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

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

Also Present: Genise Lay, Franklin Oros, Lu Ann Oros, Rick Rubbelke, and Paul William.

Presentation by Franklin and Lu Ann Oros

Franklin and Lu Ann Oros appeared before the commission to discuss the status of their film project "A Show of Strength." The Oros' showed clips of the film to the commission and submitted a report on project activities. The Oros' also requested that an extension of September 2012 and an additional \$4,400 be granted. The commission will discuss the requests and inform the Oros' of their decision. The Oros' also requested their third installment.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Friedman at 6:40 pm.

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Simoncelli and seconded by Mr. Wilcox. The motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes

The commission reviewed the June 23, 2011 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Simoncelli and seconded by Ms. Weston. The motion was approved.

Special Guest

The commission recognized special guest Mr. Paul Oryem. Mr. Oryem, a volunteer of KDHX, introduced himself to the commission and shared his interest in media. Mr. Friedman explained CALOP processes, general activities, and upcoming activities of the commission to Mr. Oryem.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was tabled.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Simoncelli presented the June 30, 2011 and September 30, 2011 financial reports to the commission. Mr. Simoncelli reported that revenue was lower in comparison to last year. Ms. Lay will verify the revenue amounts. Mr. Simoncelli also noted that the commission has kept up with projects and that the commission should determine its allocation for the spring grant round. A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Weston. The motion was approved.

Grant Liaisons

Comic Geeks – Mr. Simoncelli reported that filmmaker Brian Spath has developed rough cuts, will be using a red camera for shooting, and has been dutiful in connecting the film to University City. The filmmaker plans to send their request for a second payment.

There's No Place Like It – Mr. Simoncelli reported that a letter was sent to the filmmaker Nelson requesting that she contact the commission. The filmmaker returned an email to Eric Friedman and said that she would get back to the commission. Mr. Simoncelli reported that the filmmaker had communicated that 75% of the video was cut and it would be completed by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Simoncelli will prepare a response and send it to Mr. Friedman.

Jim Crow 2 Barack Obama – Ms. Weston reported that filmmaker was working on the project all summer. The children involved in the project were on their way to the MLK center in Atlanta. Mr. Weston will contact the filmmaker and request that she attend the next commission meeting.

A Show of Strength – Filmmaker completed a presentation and made requests earlier in the meeting. Mr. Wilcox recommended that the extension request be granted.

Penrose Velodrome – Mr. Wilcox spoke with filmmaker Brent Jaimes and suggested that he meet with the commission. Mr. Wilcox relayed that the filmmaker had shot the championship round of velodrome races, captured footage of the Penrose neighborhood, and starting editing. Activities on the project should take until the end of the year. Mr. Wilcox will inform the filmmaker that he has until the end of April 2012.

Wehrenberg Theatre First 100 Years – Rick Rubbelke appeared before the commission and requested that he be allowed to submit an alternative proposal to the Wehrenberg Theatre First 100 Years film project submitted by Dan Byington. Mr. Rubbelke provided a draft of his proposal and explained the differences in what he proposes versus Mr. Byington's film project. The commission will review Mr. Rubbelke's proposal and decide on action at the next meeting. The commission will send a demand letter informing Mr. Byington that the commission was unable to make an agreement with Mr. Rubbelke to finish Mr. Byington's project. The letter will also ask that Mr. Byington return CALOP funds that he had received related to Wehrenberg Theatres First 100 Years.

Sustainable St. Louis – Gladys Creer, who recently resigned as a member of CALOP, had served as the liaison for this film project. It was discussed that the filmmaker sent a request for the third installment and submitted the final version of the film to Dennis Riggs, HEC-TV liaison. Ms. Weston will serve as the liaison for the project and will contact Ms. Creer and Mr. Riggs to discuss the status of the project.

The commission discussed the Oros' request for an extension and additional funding of \$4,400. A motion to accept the extension was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Mr. Simoncelli. The motion was approved. A motion to grant \$4,400 was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Mr. Friedman for discussion. Discussion was held on whether additional funding should be granted. After the discussion, Mr. Wilcox was asked to inform the Oros' that the extension had been granted, but the request for funding is being reviewed.

St. Louis Brick – Mr. Simoncelli reported that the commission had allocated \$4,500 for the St. Louis Brick film, of which \$3,300 had been paid to filmmaker Bill Streeter. The balance of the grant, \$1,100, is due to Mr. Streeter. Mr. Simoncelli relayed that Mr. Streeter did not want final payment and would like the balance of the grant count as pay back the grant. Mr. Friedman will write a letter of thank you to Mr. Streeter.

#### Chairman's Report

Mr. Friedman reported that he had been talking with Margie Newman about developing an editing workshop for filmmakers. Mr. Friedman expressed that Ms. Newman could serve as a documentary doctor for filmmakers and guide them in editing their film projects.

#### Archives

No report.

#### Request for Proposal – Recycling

Mr. Friedman asked that commission members send their suggestions to him within two weeks.

#### Process for Film Submission

Discussion was held on the flow of submitting films for final review and approval. The commission will discuss the process at the next meeting. The checklist and grant contract documents will be provided at the next meeting to reinforce approval procedures. The checklist will also be sent to the filmmakers as a reminder.

#### Transmission of Films to University City Library

Ms. Lay reported that she is working on transmitting completed films to the library.

#### Five-Year Plan

Mr. Wilcox presented a second revision of the five-year plan. The commission will review the plan for approval at the next meeting.

#### Unanticipated

The commission discussed the timeframe for the next grant round. Mr. Simoncelli and Ms. Lay will develop a timeline and present it at the next commission meeting.

#### Next Meeting

The commission discussed holding the next meeting December 8, 2011. A meeting invitation will be sent to commission members.

Mr. Friedman announced that the commission accepted Ms. Creer's resignation with regret and that the commission wishes her the very best.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mae Etta Weston  
Secretary

Prepared by Genise Lay