

CALOP Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 23, 2012
University City City Hall, 2nd Floor
6:00 PM

Members Present: Eric Friedman, James Reeves, Rick Simoncelli, Mae Etta Weston, Larry Lanius, Teddy Presberg, and Robert Wilcox.

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

Also Present: Elsie Glickert, Brian Spath, and Genise Lay.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Friedman at 6:02 pm.

Commission members introduced themselves to new member Teddy Presberg. Mr. Presberg introduced himself and shared his background with the commission. Mr. Presberg was appointed to the council on December 12, 2011 to fill the seat vacated by Gladys Creer.

Mr. Friedman also recognized guests: 1) Brian Spath, CALOP grantee, and 2) Elsie Glickert, former University City council member.

Presentation

Mr. Spath appeared before the commission to provide a status report on his the grant project, Comic Geeks. Mr. Spath explained that the film would be a sitcom variety about pop culture enthusiasts balancing adult life; the film will include both animation and live action. Mr. Spath reported that the film is in post production phase and that a rough edit was being developed. Mr. Spath has shot at locations such as the Grand Center, Vintage Vinyl, and Starclipper. Mr. Spath also showed a clip of the film to the commission.

Approval of Minutes

The commission reviewed the January 26, 2012 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Weston. The motion was approved.

Grant Round Schedule

The commission proposed the following dates to review applications for the spring grant round:

- Thursday, March 22, 2012
- Wednesday, March 28, 2012
- Tuesday, April 3, 2012

A meeting notice will be sent to the commissioners. Mr. Friedman informed members that if they could not make it to the meeting, to send their analysis sheets and comments in writing. Mr. Friedman requested that members note if they would like to interview the applicant, provide funding to the applicant, and how much.

Grant Extension Request

Mr. Reeves presented filmmaker Edie Barnard's request for an extension to complete the film Victims Voices and status report. Mr. Reeves informed the commission that the filmmaker had been very communicative and was progressing but needed more time. Mr. Reeves also relayed that Ms. Barnard would be working with a new group of children next month. A motion to approve the extension request of July 2012 was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Mr. Simoncelli. The motion was approved.

Attendance Policy

Mr. Friedman pointed out that a draft of an attendance policy was provided. The subject will be discussed at the next commission meeting.

AT&T Funding

Mr. Friedman reported that AT&T will not continue to collect fees on behalf of CALOP. AT&T Missouri President John Sondag suggested that CALOP utilize the fees paid to the City. Mr. Friedman reported that the Mayor had said that she would look into the matter. Mr. Friedman also suggested that CALOP consider looking into grants. A motion to seek grants and similar funding sources was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Mr. Reeves. The motion was approved.

A motion to ask the City to share a proportion of the city's 5% funding was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Mr. Presberg. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Simoncelli left the meeting at 6:40 PM. There was still a quorum present with six voting members present.

The commission will find out how much the city receives from AT&T. The commission may also consider accepting voluntary contributions.

Mr. Presberg left the meeting at 6:43 PM. There was still a quorum with five voting members present.

Treasurer's Report

The commission reviewed the financial report ending January 31, 2012. It was noted that the commission should receive one more payment from Charter and that the 2nd quarter payment was received from AT&T. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Mr. Wilcox and seconded by Ms. Weston. The motion was approved.

Special Guest – Elsie Glickert

Ms. Glickert appeared before the commission to discuss a project that former city manager Charles Henry was working on. Ms. Glickert relayed that Mr. Henry had been documenting University City events and historical data from 1960 through 1975 pertaining to urban renewal, code enforcement, open door /housing policy, occupancy permit, and redlining.

Ms. Glickert asked that the commission bypass its normal funding process and fund Mr. Henry's project. She asked that Mr. Friedman contact Mr. Henry and give permission for a grant.

Mr. Friedman informed Ms. Glickert that he would contact Mr. Henry. He also noted that CALOP's process for issuing grants is based on proposals submitted. Mr. Friedman added that without having additional information, it would be difficult to ask the commission to give him the authority to fund the project. Mr. Friedman, however, will contact Mr. Henry and report back to the commission.

Ms. Glickert also reported that the CALOP films are not very visible at the Library; the films are kept at a very low position. Mr. Friedman will ask the Library Director about it so that the films are made visible.

Recycling RFP Proposals

Mr. Friedman reported that there was some difficulty establishing a meeting time accommodating both volunteers and commission members that are serving on the recycling subcommittee. Mr. Friedman also relayed that the grant round analysis sheets were amended for use in analyzing the RFP proposals. Mr. Friedman reported that the analysis sheets and summary of proposals submitted have been provided.

Archive Project

Mr. Reeves will let Washington University archival representative know that their contract terms had been approved. Mr. Friedman and Mr. Reeves will work on letting grantees know.

Documentary Doctor

No report. Mr. Lanius volunteered to help grantees with film editing.

Mr. Reeves and Ms. Weston left the meeting at 7:00 PM. There being no quorum, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by Genise Lay