

CALOP Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 22, 2012
University City City Hall, 2nd Floor
6:00 PM

Members Present: Eric Friedman, James Reeves, Rick Simoncelli, Larry Lanius, Teddy Presberg, Joe Totherow, and Robert Wilcox.

Members Absent: 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 6:08 pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Chairman's Report

Mr. Friedman relayed that he was disappointed that the commission could not get information on new members so that information could be provided to them and appropriate recognition could be given to former, retiring members.

A motion was made by Mr. Simoncelli and seconded by Mr. Reeves to ask the city to pass a proclamation thanking former members Mae Etta Weston and Gladys Creer for their service. The motion was approved. Mr. Friedman commented that both individuals were from the third ward and African American.

Mr. Friedman reported that he had spoken with former city manager Charles Henry. Mr. Friedman contacted Mr. Henry, due to a request made by Elsie Glickert. Ms. Glickert had asked that the commission fund a historical project that Mr. Henry was developing. Mr. Friedman stated that Mr. Henry had comprised slides with narration and hoped to have a DVD that can play. Mr. Friedman also reported that he was not sure how the project would work and how much money was needed.

The commission discussed if the project should be pursued. Mr. Friedman relayed that he had contacted Eleanor Mullin of the Historical Society; he is waiting to hear back from her about the value of the project. Mr. Friedman also relayed that projects were usually funded through the grant round process or through special projects proposed by CALOP. The commission determined that CALOP should not pursue the project. Mr. Reeves will contact Ms. Glickert. Mr. Friedman will follow up with Eleanor Mullin.

New member Joe Totherow introduced himself to the commission. Mr. Totherow, an employee of the Federal Reserve Bank, and volunteer of Fair U. City, sought to help the city in other ways. Mr. Totherow will assume the seat held by former member Mae Etta Weston. Mr. Totherow's term on the commission expires September 9, 2014.

Review of Grant Round Applications

The commission discussed the submitted applications to determine those applicants that would be called for an interview. Mr. Friedman noted that he had worked with Judy Liese, the signatory for the application submitted by Big Think to fund for Blending Missions – St. Louis Social Enterprises.

The following applicants will be contacted for an interview:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Name</u>
Paul Crane	1400 Lewis
Sarah Paulsen	Elegy to Connie
Angela Antkowiak	Untitled – The Forgotten History of the Lemp Family
Richard S. Rubbelke	The Fred Wehrenberg Story

The following applicants will not be contacted for an interview:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Name</u>
Big Think	Blending Missions – St. Louis Social Enterprises
St. Louis Business Resource Center	Business Side of Entertainment
Paul Oryem	Future Tense Now
Boulevard Productions	Hit Man to Hero
NetWide Productions	Talent in St. Louis

Grant Round Interview Schedule

The commission discussed potential dates to hold the grant round interviews. Ms. Lay will forward tentative meeting dates to commission members.

Officer Vacancy

The commission voted and approved that Mr. Totherow serve as the commission's secretary.

Attendance Policy

The commission reviewed a draft attendance policy. Mr. Friedman relayed that the policy was drafted to ensure that the commission has a quorum for its meetings. A motion to pass the policy was made by Mr. Lanius and seconded by Mr. Presberg. The motion was approved. The commission will continue to discuss the issue at the next meeting.

Recycling Project

Mr. Friedman informed the commission that the recycling project was developed through a suggestion made by Councilmember Byron Price. The commission issued an RFP, received 10 applications, and selected three finalists. The recycling subcommittee was comprised of the following individuals:

Eric Friedman, Commission Member
Mae Etta Weston, Former Commission Member
Dennis Riggs, Commission Member
Lynnette Hicks, Public Works Manager
David Berger, Executive Director of St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District
David Webb, St. Louis University Center for Sustainability

Mr. Friedman explained that the next phase of the project is to establish a time for interviewing the finalists.

Grant Liaison Reports

Mr. Friedman noted that a commission member is assigned as liaison for each grantee. Mr. Lanius agreed to serve as the liaison for Denise Ward-Brown.

Ms. Lay reported that a copy of the film Sustainability in St. Louis was transmitted to the Library, but a description is needed for completion. Ms. Lay will follow up.

Mr. Simoncelli reported that Brian Spath, filmmaker for Comic Geeks, keeps him informed of the project. The film is a work of fiction compared to the documentaries generally funded by CALOP. Mr. Simoncelli reported that one of the film shots had to be redone and noted that the film was granted an extension.

Mr. Friedman reported that funding was provided to Art Holliday to produce Johnnie Be Good, a film about Johnnie Johnson. Mr. Friedman relayed that the film is to include big name personalities.

It was noted that an extension had been granted to Victims Voices. Ms. Lay will update the financial report to reflect such.

Mr. Simoncelli noted that Flamingo Productions was in default of their contract. A letter had been drafted requesting that funding be returned. A copy will be provided to Mr. Friedman and Mr. Simoncelli.

Ms. Lay reported that Mr. Riggs was to obtain bids on duplicating / transferring the oral history tapes to DVD. Mr. Friedman will ask Mr. Wilcox to follow up with Mr. Riggs.

Funding Opportunities

Mr. Friedman suggested forming a subcommittee to explore funding opportunities and asked that Mr. Lanius, Mr. Presberg, and Mr. Totherow serve on the subcommittee. The members agreed. Mr. Friedman will meet with them to serve as a guide and provide information.

Documentary Doctor

No report. Mr. Lanius will contact filmmaker Angela Antkowiak to find out if she would be willing to serve as a volunteer.

Unanticipated

No report.

Archives

No report. Item should be completed.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lanius and seconded by Mr. Simoncelli. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Totherow

Prepared by Genise Lay