

CALOP Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 27, 2013
University City, City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room
6:00 PM

Members in Attendance: Eric Friedman, Bernetta Smith-Campbell, Cindy Thierry, Joe Totherow, Dennis Riggs, Dennis Finnegan

Members Excused: Bob Wilcox

Members Absent: Councilmember Byron Price

Others in Attendance: David Sandel (Sandel & Associates), Josalynn Smith (intern), Keith Cole

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Friedman at 6:07 pm.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Mr. Totherow and seconded by Mr. Finnegan. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the April 25, 2013 minutes by Mr. Totherow and seconded by Mr. Finnegan. The motion was carried unanimously. Note: May meeting was cancelled due to no quorum.

Introductions

Dennis Finnegan is the commission's newest member. Josalynn Smith, Washington University student, is the Commission's summer intern.

Chairman's Report

Eric Friedman, Denise Ward-Brown, and Dennis Riggs met at Dennis Riggs' office to interview Josalynn Smith for CALOP internship. Josalynn will be working on various tasks throughout the summer such as digitalizing, announcement & promotions, edit & archive 25 interviews, Library movie screening, and media archives.

Josalynn mentioned Jim Crowe to Barack Obama film was shown at the June 14, 2013 San Francisco Black Film Festival and it received Runner Up in documentary film. The film will also be shown at the Tivoli, July 16, 2013 Film Festival as well as at the October 2013 Film Festival.

A motion was made to approve and Mr. Riggs was in agreement to waive the "premier waiver" agreement for the Jim Crowe to Barack Obama film so that it can be shown at the upcoming Film Festivals by Mr. Totherow, and seconded by Ms. Smith Campbell. The motion was carried unanimously.

St. Louis Brick City is a film project that will be shown at the U City Library on August 8, 2013. The plan is to try to have CALOP films shown at the library every other month.

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Presentation

David Sandel, presented an update on the Loop Media Hub. Mr. Sandel discussed the potential of CALOP working with the Loop Media Hub. This would be an opportunity to create a new business model for CALOP with the help of the Loop Media Hub.

Mr. Sandel proposed the idea of CALOP making a donation to the Loop Media Hub, to produce a film about the transformation of the Loop Trolley and the dissolving neighborhood boundaries with the idea of bring neighborhoods together. The Loop Media Hub would help CALOP in producing the film. This was strictly a proposition for CALOP to think about.

Note: If a motion would be made, Mr. Friedman would excuse himself from any type of voting due to his potential business involvement with Mr. David Sandel.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Cole summarized the financial report as of May 31, 2013. There had been no activity since March 2013. Outstanding projects totaled \$42,113.75 as of May 31, 2013. The Chairman also commented on the budget line items. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Mr. Finnegan and seconded by Ms. Smith-Campbell. The motion carried unanimously.

Liaison Report

Victim's Voices: Mr. Friedman commented he has been in contact with Ms. Barnard. Ms. Barnard stated she is very close to being completed. She is lacking the labels to go on the DVD's. A motion was made to extend the completion date for 30 days by Mr. Finnegan and seconded by Ms. Thierry. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim Crow to Barack Obama: The film has been completed. However, waiting for copies of film and completed signed off contract. The film has been shown at the San Francisco Black Film Festival, June 14, 2013. It will be shown at the Tivoli on July 16, 2013 Film Festival as well as at the Film Festival in October 2013.

Elegy to Connie: Mr. Totherow commented the film is 25% complete. Sarah Paulson was going to take next couple of months off to try to get at least 45% complete. It is a "stop motion animation" type of film.

CALOP School Project: Ms. Thierry commented, she had met with Kathy Corley and Principal Maclin. There was a question on the films she received to see if they are good enough to meet the contract criteria. They will need to be reviewed. The other question is whether or not to proceed with remaining funds or stop project.

Johnnie Be Good: Mr. Riggs commented that Mr. Holliday is back on track in completing the project.

The Fred Wehrenberg Story: Mr. Wilcox was excused. No updates to report.

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Mr. Friedman suggested the commission should not move forward with the Recycling Grant project due to lack of communication on various occasions with the grantee, Edie Barnard.

Other Items:

Nominating a new Treasurer. A motion was made by Ms. Smith Campbell nominating herself as the new Treasurer and Ms. Thierry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Web Domain for CALOP will be renewed.

The CALOP Roster will be updated.

Next Meeting Date (Tentative):

The next meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2013, at 6pm. Location is City Hall

A motion was made by Ms. Thierry and seconded by Ms. Smith-Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. The motion carried unanimously.