



METRO ARTS

NASHVILLE OFFICE OF ARTS + CULTURE

Metro Arts Commission

Minutes of the Arts Commission Meeting

April 15, 2021

This meeting took place via teleconference.

A recording of the meeting can be viewed here:

https://youtu.be/uGTvZVxC9_Q

Commissioners Present: Jim Schmidt (Chair), Matia Powell (Vice Chair), Will Cheek (Secretary), Jane Alvis, Ellen Angelico, Rev. Dexter Brewer, Sheri Nichols Bucy, Bonnie Dow, Marielena Ramos, Hope Stringer, Campbell West, and David Jon Walker

Commissioners Absent: Marianne Byrd, Paula Roberts

Staff: Caroline Vincent, Grace Wright, Janine Christiano, Ian Myers

Guests: Derrick Smith (Metro Legal)

METRO ARTS MISSION:

Drive an Equitable and Vibrant Community through the Arts

A. Call to Order & Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m.

B. Vote on Governor's Executive Order No. 71

A motion that the meeting agenda constitutes essential business of this body and meeting electronically is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans considering the COVID-19 outbreak and is permitted under the Governor's Executive Order number 71 was offered by Commissioner Alvis and Commissioner Cheek seconded the motion.

Chair Schmidt asked for any additional comments.

Roll call vote was taken, all members present voted, and all votes were affirmative.

C. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve Arts Commission minutes from February 18, 2021 with correction to show Commissioner Alvis present was offered by Commissioner Cheek and Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion.

Chair Schmidt asked for any additional comments.

Roll call vote was taken, all members present voted, and all votes were affirmative.

D. Action Items:

1. FY22 Restorative Arts Guidelines

Janine Christiano updated the Committee on the current status of the Restorative Arts program and presented major updates to the FY22 Guidelines which included:

- FY22 Application and Programming Dates:
 - Application opens April 18, 2021 at 11:59 pm
 - Applications due May 14, 2021 at 11:59 pm
 - Staff eligibility review will take place between May 17-19, 2021
 - Scoring and Review Panel will take place by May 28, 2021
 - Award allocations reviewed by GFC during June meeting
 - Award allocation will be confirmed by Arts Commission during June 17, 2021 meeting
 - Award announcements will be made by June 18, 2021
 - Programming may begin any time after July 1, 2021- June 11, 2022
 - End of Year reports are due by June 15, 2022.
- Allowing individuals to be providers
- Including administrative competence in the scoring rubric
- Adding a Deterrence and Prevention category under the heading of Probation

Chair Schmidt asked if there was any public comment. There was not.

Chair Schmidt asked if there was any further discussion or questions from Commissioners.

A motion to approve the FY22 Restorative Arts Guidelines was offered by Commissioner Cheek and Commissioner Ramos seconded.

Roll call vote was taken, all members present voted, and all votes were affirmative.

E. Arts in Action

Emily Waltenbaugh gave an update on media mentions of Arts Commission projects, and a virtual roundtable presented by Vanderbilt University and Metro Arts, “The Role of the Artist in Crisis and Recovery.” She also officially welcomed new hire Natalie Alfaro Frazier and the Summer 2021 cohort of Diversity in Arts Leadership interns.

F. Executive Directors Update

Caroline Vincent updated the Commission on the Metro budget process and additional grant funds from the Tennessee Arts Commission.

Chair Schmidt then recognized Commissioner Angelico. Commissioner Angelico proposed to the Commission that given the current anti-LGBTQ state legislation, particularly those aimed at transgender people, the Commission should address how the Arts Commission could address our outreach and support of that community.

The Commission agreed and recognized that an important part of the Commission is seeking to be fully inclusive and supportive of Nashville’s diverse communities. The Chair called a meeting of the Executive Committee to address next steps and asked staff to provide any current data relevant to the discussion.

G. Adjourn Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 20, 2021 at Noon. Staff will keep the Commission updated on whether the meeting will be in-person or remain virtual.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Will Cheek (Secretary/Treasurer)

Date

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