

Metro Arts Commission
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
April 20, 2017
Metro Office Building 2nd floor, Davidson Conference Room
800 Second Avenue South, Nashville

Commissioners attending K. Clay Haynes ,Larry Keeton, Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds, Marielena Ramos, Niki Coffman, Jackie Daniel, Danielle McDaniel, Hope Stringer, Marcus Whitney

Commissioners not attending: Manuel Delgado, Santi Tefel, Jane Alvis, Joseph Presley, Mohamed Shukri Hassan, Jim Schmidt,

Staff: Jen Cole, Rebecca Berrios, Caroline Vincent, Anne-Leslie Owens, Van Maravalli, Ian Myers, Laurel Fisher, Skylar Peterson, Tré Hardin, Lauren Fitzgerald, Olusola Tribble

Guests: Toy Gonzalez(WPLN), John Cooper(Metro Council)

Call to Order

Metro Arts Commission Chair Clay Haynes called the April meeting to order at 12:00PM.

Operations/Policy

• **Budget Update**

Executive Director Jen Cole reported that the budget and PIP presentations had been made to the Mayor. The Mayor's FY18 Budget will be announced during the 54th Annual State of Metro Address on Monday, April 26th. The Mayor's proposed budget will then be considered and discussed at Metro Arts' Council Budget Hearing that is set for Tuesday, May 23 at 4:45p. Cole reminded Commission that budget requests included improvements in grants, continued investment in THRIVE, the implementation of a new Public Art Plan, 2 FTE's, neighborhood advancement and a cultural festivals fund.

Public Art

• **PA Plan and Project Updates**

Director of Public Art Caroline Vincent reported that the Public Art Investment plan period for public feedback ended on April 7. The plan is currently in a period of finalization with designers for official review and adoption at May Commission meeting.

Vincent stated that five winners were selected for the ArtPop Street Gallery Competition. The works of Katherine Wagner, Jairo Prado, Brian Wooden, David Morel and Alic Daniel will be on display on OUTFRONT Media billboards starting this month.

• **Witness Walls Update**

Public Art Project Manager Anne-Leslie Owens reported that installation of *Witness Walls* is complete. The public dedication event is set for April 21 and will include a special afternoon reception on April 20th at the Library's Nashville Room for veterans and others who have assisted on the project. Owens stated that the dedication will be held inside in the case of rain. Cole acknowledged Owens' work and commended her for the work on *Witness Walls*.

Minutes of previous meeting

A motion to approve minutes from March 16, 2017 was offered by Commissioner Coffman, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, and the motion passed.

Operations/Policy (cont'd)

Approve Public Notification Policy-- ACTION

Director of Finance and Operations Ian Myers reported that the ordinance requires Metro departments to schedule and post public documents to Nashville.gov. The electronic public notification policy is compliant to those ordinances. Staff is requesting the adoption of this policy.

A motion to accept and adopt the electronic public notification policy was offered by Commissioner Ramos, seconded by Commissioner Whitney, and the motion passed.

Community Arts

THRIVE Project—APPROVAL

Lauren Fitzgerald presented two THRIVE proposals. Staff recommends that both proposals are funded:

The C.O.L.O.R Project

Neighborhood & District: West Nashville in District 24

Staff Recommendation: \$4000**Project Partners:** The Boys and Girls club and the University of Kentucky

Artists Involved: Ashley Young

Project Description: Ashley will engage youth aged 5-14 in participatory art workshops at the Boys and Girls Club. This project will expose participant to quality artistic experiences and introduce them new types of art. This project's aim is to open doors of expression and creativity to a community who has had limited access to resources that give them the opportunity to express in this way. This experience is designed to create cultural awareness, increase confidence and self-esteem, and to encourage peer-to-peer collaboration.

Hands on with Zig

Neighborhood & District: 2, 11,14,16,34 in North Nashville, Green Hills, Woodbine, Old Hickory, Hermitage

Staff Recommendation: \$4000**Project Partners:** Hermitage Public Library; Old Hickory Public Library; Coleman Park Community Center; YMCA Green Hills; Northwest YMCA; Best Buddies (Full Circle special needs program at YMCA), Down Syndrome Association.**Artists Involved:** Zig Wajler

Project Description: Hands on with Zig is a tour of one-off programs at different locations in Davidson County presenting a musical journey with music from different cultures such as Latin, Native-American, African, Caribbean, Americans and various-subcultures. This program emphasizes respect, responsibility, and character through music and interaction. Through dialogue and hands on participation, exposure and awareness, several musical genres are presented from the US and abroad with historical content and contributions of different cultures for the development of percussive instruments. Attendees participate with hands on interaction learning basic rhythm patterns, instrument names, chants, and form a culminating music ensemble. A question and answer session will conclude each program.

A motion to approve staff recommended funding of The C.O.L.O.R Project in the amount of \$4000 and Hands on with Zig in the amount of \$4000 was offered by Commissioner Stringer, seconded by Commissioner Ramos, and the motion passed.

Updates

- **Opportunity NOW**

Director of Community Engagement Rebecca Berrios reported that the Opportunity NOW application portal closed with 7 programs that will engage 60 youth, ages 14-16 in six-week long projects during Summer 2017. Training will begin on May 30.

- **Grants**

Berrios reported that the FY18 grants application period is now closed. We received 99 applications from 58 different nonprofit organizations. Panels will be happening in May.

- **Restorative Justice & the Arts Update**

Cultural Equity Coordinator Olusola Tribble reported that funded projects have been developed. Projects are occurring in both community spaces and the detention center. There is also programming to be held in Stratford and Antioch High school for youth that have had interactions with juvenile court outside of school. Programming is underway.

REAL Update

Tribble reported that the final lecture with Dr. Aaron Dworkin happened on April 12. The last cadre meeting will be held in 2 weeks.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30

Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds (Secretary/Treasurer)

Date

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