

Metro Arts Commission
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
December 14, 2017
Metro Office Building 2nd floor, Davidson Conference Room
800 Second Avenue South, Nashville

Commissioners attending K. Clay Haynes (Chair); Jane Alvis; Niki Coffman; Jackie Daniel; Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds; Danielle McDaniel; Marielena Ramos; Jim Schmidt; Hope Stringer; Santi Tefel; and Marcus Whitney

Commissioners not attending: Manuel Delgado; Mohamed Shukri Hassan; Larry Keeton; and Joseph Presley

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

Guests:

A. Call to Order

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

B. Minutes of previous meeting

A motion to approve minutes from October 19, 2017 meeting was offered by Commissioner Edmonds, seconded by Commissioner Coffman, and the motion passed.

C. Operations

• **40th Anniversary**

Executive Director Jen Cole reported that The Mayor has agreed to do a press announcement of Metro Arts 40th year anniversary on January 18 in the Mayor's media room at 12. During this, the new brand will be presented as well.

• **Budget**

Cole reported the preparation of a flat budget would begin in January, with that a Community Engagement staff person will be requested.

D. Grants

• **FY19 Grants Guidelines – ACTION**

Grants Manager Laurel Fisher explained that the changes presented in the FY19 guidelines will further support the long-term health of arts-focused organizations. The changes are:

Basic Operating Support

- Explanation of 3-year adjudication cycle, with reverification process for Basic Operating applicants who were adjudicated in FY18
- Eligible applicants must be independently operated nonprofits

Core Operating Support

- New Basic Operating Support applicants may apply in this category for requests up to \$20,000 until the next adjudication year
- Eligible applicants must be independently operated nonprofits

Arts Access & Youth Arts Project Support Grants

- Operating Support applicants may apply in this category if the project is different from regular programming and has no overlapping funding sources or elements.
- These grants can be used for project expenses that take place between July 1, 2018 and June 15, 2019 in order to allow some summer programming to take place as part of this funding program until a more long-term solution is identified.

A motion to accept and approve the FY19 Grant Guidelines was offered by Commissioner Alvis, seconded by Commissioner Haynes, and the motion passed.

- **THRIVE– ACTION**

Lauren Fitzgerald presented the following THRIVE projects that were recommended for funding:

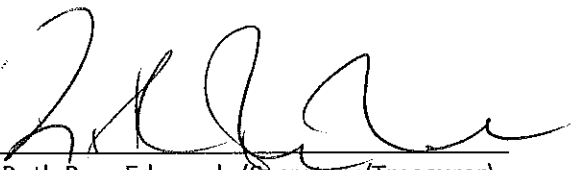
- **Wade** by Aaron Doenges
Budget: \$8,000 *funding pending revised Community Engagement Plan
- **Queens Among Us** by Elisheba Israel
Budget: \$8,000 *funding pending revised Community Engagement Plan
- **Nashville Talking Chairs** by Rashad Donaldson
Budget: \$8,000 *funding pending revised budget and acquisition of a mentor.
- **From Nashville to the World** by Workers' Dignity and Norf Arts Collective
Budget: \$8,000
- **International Folk Dancing Workshop and Demonstration** by the Tansova Grupo Ensemble and Nashville International Folk Dancers
Budget: \$4,000 for performances and workshops
- **Working it out: Stories of the LGBTQ** by Kristen Chapman Gibbons
Budget: \$4,000 for interviewing and storytelling
- **Drumnastics** by Shannon Holland
Budget: \$4,000 for drum workshops throughout the community
- **Project 24: Connecting Disconnections** by Brandy Rogers
Budget: \$4,000 for performing arts workshops with youth
- **Afrofuturism African Diaspora Dance** by Dr. Fallon Wilson
Budget: \$4,000 for dance workshops and culminating event *contingent upon revised budget
- **The Eco Poetic Way** by Thandiwe Shiphrah
Budget: \$3,000 for performances

A motion to approve the THRIVE projects recommended for funding was offered by Commissioner Coffman, seconded by Commissioner Ramos, and the motion passed.

- **Southeast Regional Park: Selection panel – ACTION**

The selection panel for the SE Regional Park project recommended by the PAC include Sheila Dial-Barton, PAC Representative; Rebecca Ratz, Metro Parks; Erica Well, Ceiba Gallery; Monica Davis, Project Editor at Rizzoli International Publications; Richie Jones (or Design Team Rep), Landscape Architect; JC Torres, Associate director of Development at Conexion Americas; Yuri Figueiroa, Artist; and Guy Coffin, Art Professor at Cane Ridge High School

A motion to approve the recommended selection panel for the SE Regional Park project was offered by Commissioner Stringer, seconded by Commissioner Tefel, and the motion passed.



Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds (Secretary/Treasurer)

1-18-18
Date

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