

Metro Arts Commission
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
January 18, 2018
1 Public Square, Nashville, TN

Commissioners attending K. Clay Haynes (Chair); Niki Coffman; Manuel Delgado; Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds Mohamed Shukri Hassan; Danielle McDaniel; Joseph Presley; Marielena Ramos; Jim Schmidt; Santi Tefel
Commissioners not attending: Jane Alvis; Jackie Daniel; Larry Keeton; Hope Stringer; Marcus Whitney
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 January meeting to order at 12:40 PM.

B. Minutes of previous meeting

A motion to approve minutes from January 18, 2018 meeting was offered by Commissioner Ramos, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and the motion passed.

C. Operations

40th Anniversary

Executive Director Jen Cole reported that the new brand has been added to the website. Cole also reported that there will be several new initiatives over the course of the year to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Metro Arts.

Budget

Cole reported that Metro Arts will prepare a flat budget and request a Communications staff member. The timeline for budget is currently unknown.

D. Grants and Community Programs

Grants

Grants Manager Laurel Fisher reported that the new grants system WebGrants will launch on February 1. Grantees will use this system going forward. Fisher also reported that this database will be built from scratch and not include imported data from previous grant cycles.

Opportunity NOW Updates

Community + Organizational Development Director Rebecca Kinslow reported that \$124,189.65 in funding will be used for 13 projects as part of Opportunity Now 2018.

Restorative Justice and the Arts Updates

Kinslow reported that Restorative Justice and the Arts training will begin on January 27 and the cohort consists of 19 artists.

REAL Updates

REAL, there will be a Crossroads training on February 22 at Oasis Center.

E. Public Art

Learning Lab

Public Art & Placemaking Director Caroline Vincent reported that Learning Lab Community Artists training program will begin January 29 and 30 with 12 artists and 11 community partners.

ArtWORKS

She also reported studio visits for Art WORKS: Courthouse Collection and “40 for 40” project are underway.

Temporary Public Art Exhibition

Vincent informed the Commission that the Temporary Public Art Exhibition by Curator Nicole Caruth is in planning stages for implementation in Spring/Summer 2018 and that three of the artists were in town, along with Caruth, to investigate project partners and artwork sites.

Southeast Regional Park

Public Art and Placemaking Coordinator Tre Hardin reported that the call for SE Regional Park is out and is a national call to artists. The Call closes Feb. 5th.

Envision Nolensville

A call to artists is being finalized for intersection improvements along the Nolensville corridor via the previously approved \$150,000 budget.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21PM

Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds (Secretary/Treasurer) Date

Prepared by Skylar Peterson