

Metro Arts Commission
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
October 18, 2018
Metro Office Building 2nd floor, Davidson Conference Room
800 2nd Avenue South, Nashville, TN

Attending Commissioners: Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds (Chair); Jane Alvis; Niki Coffman; Toby Compton; Jackie Daniel; Bonnie Dow; Mohamed Shukri Hassan; Marielena Ramos; and Jim Schmidt

Absent Commissioners: Manuel Delgado; Larry Keeton, Danielle McDaniel; K. Clay Haynes; Hope Stringer; and Marcus Whitney

Staff: Laurel Fisher; Lauren Fitzgerald; Tré Hardin; Rebecca Kinslow; Van Maravalli; Ian Myers; Anne-Leslie Owens; Skylar Peterson; Olusola Tribble; Emily Waltenbaugh

Guests: Carly Elliot (Metro Legal), Jewell Winn (From the Heart Int'l)

A. Call to Order

Metro Arts Commission Chair Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds called the October meeting to order at 12:01 PM.

B. Minutes of previous meeting

Quorum had not yet been reached.

Chair Edmonds called for agenda items that didn't require a vote.

C. Mission Moment: Restorative Justice + the Arts

a. Guest Jewell Winn, From the Heart Int'l Education Foundation

Winn shared experiences from her work with youth in the juvenile detention center and the value of arts intervention as a restorative practice. She thanked the members of the board for Metro Arts' contribution to this programming.

D. Restorative Justice Project Updates

Rebecca Kinslow shared the list of restorative Justice Projects that were selected for funding by a panel of community members and staff. The following projects were selected:

- *Music for Life, From the Heart Int'l*
- *My Place: Discovering Self-Identity within Community, TPAC*
- *It Works for Me, Thandiwe Shiphrah and Daniel Arite*
- *August Wilson Gets R.E.A.L., Jon Royal, James Rudolph, Shawn Whitsell, Rashad Rayford, Clark Harris, Tamiko Robinson Steele, Deyonte Jenkins, Christen Heilman, Eric Pasto-Crosby*
- *Roots, Rhythm, and Rhyme Restorative Arts Program, Global Education Center*
- *Grounding Identity Through Words & Music, Southern Word*
- *UnLocked, One Voice Nashville*
- *Theatre of the Oppressed Youth-Led Residency, Gideon's Army: Grassroots Army for Children*

Quorum reached

A motion to approve minutes from September 2018 meeting was offered by Commissioner Edmonds and the motion passed.

E. Action

a. THRIVE

The following projects were recommended for funding:

Community Co-Design and Co-Creation

The Vanguard Arts Day

Neighborhood(s) and District(s): at Track One in South Nashville in District 3

Staff Funding: \$5,000

Project Partners: Northwest YMCA, NYBA Boys Basketball League, and Paragon Social Club.

A motion to approve the recommended funding for Thrive project, The Vanguard Arts Day, was offered by Commissioner Alvis, seconded by Commissioner Coffman, and the motion passed.

F. Other Discussion & Updates

a. Board Retreat Interviews

Chair Edmonds reminded board members to respond to email and set up pre retreat interviews with Deb Palmer George; she also informed the board that a follow up email would be sent out with the link available.

b. Public Art Updates

Public Art Project Manager Anne-Leslie Owens reported that a reception for the Art Works: MOB collection is tentatively scheduled for December 20 following the board meeting.

Public Art Project Manager Van Maravalli informed commission that there had been a meeting with MLS and interest in Public Art at the soccer stadium/fairgrounds site was expressed. She also informed the board that *Build Better Tables* catalogs were complete and had been distributed. It was also mentioned that Learning Lab was recognized as one the nation's best public art projects in 2017 through the Americans for Arts Public Art Network Year in Review.

c. Operational Updates

Finance and Operations Director Ian Myers stated there weren't any major operational updates. There was a question posed about budget adjustments to align with the savings plan and Myers informed Commission that Metro Arts was on target for savings.

G. New Business

Board members revisited the vacation time increase allotted to new Executive Director, Caroline Vincent. It was decided to increase the 15 days of vacation days by 3 for a total of 18 vacation days.

A motion to accept and approve the increase of Executive Director, Caroline Vincent's, allotted vacation time to a total of 18 vacation days was offered by Commissioner Coffman, seconded by Commissioner Dow, and the motion passed.



Jim Schmidt (Secretary/Treasurer)

11-15-18

Date