

Metro Arts Commission
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
October 19, 2017
Metro Office Building 2nd floor, Davidson Conference Room
800 Second Avenue South, Nashville

Commissioners attending K. Clay Haynes (Chair), Niki Coffman, Jackie Daniel, Danielle McDaniel, Marielena Ramos, Marcus Whitney

Commissioners not attending: Jane Alvis, Manuel Delgado, Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds, Mohamed Shukri Hassan, Larry Keeton, Joseph Presley, Jim Schmidt, Hope Stringer, Santi Tefel

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:

Call to Order

Metro Arts Commission Chair Clay Haynes called the October meeting to order at 12:05PM.

Minutes of previous meeting

A motion to approve minutes from September 21, 2017 was postponed until next meeting for lack of quorum.

Operations/Policy

- **Branding Presentation/Final Mark-- ACTION**

Executive Director Jen Cole reported that sub-branding is underway and the new mark will be announced in mid-January. After approval of the new branding, the website will be updated as well as other printed materials.

- **Keeton Award Update**

Cole reported that the organization of the Larry Keeton Civic Leadership Award is in progress. It has been proposed as a yearly award to be rewarded to an individual with NAC.

- **Crossroads Training Reminder**

Cole reported staff continues to work with Crossroads to look at internal processes and practices in support of racial and cultural equity. Members of the third REAL learning cadre have been selected and will begin with a 2 ½ day Understanding & Analyzing Systemic Racism training with Crossroads on November 16-18 along with members of the Antiracism Transformation Team (ARTt). Staff will also meet with the Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE) arts and culture work group in Nashville on November 14-15.

Public Art

- **Southeast Regional Park -- ACTION**

Caroline Vincent reported that Metro Parks is interested in integrating an artist on the design team for the new 600-acre Southeast Regional Park. The project would have a budget of \$250,000, Percent for Art funds. Artist selection will open in November/December. Staff will solicit an artist on design team with a potential mentorship role with local/Nashville-based artists. *A motion to approve the PAC's recommendation of the Southeast Regional Park as a Public Art project with a budget of \$250,000 (Percent for Art funds) was postponed due to lack of quorum*

- **Curator Selection: Temporary Public Art Exhibition – ACTION**

Tré Hardin reported that the selection process for a Call for a Curator to develop a temporary public art exhibition was held earlier in the week. The selection panel recommended curator Nicole Caruth. Caruth is a native of the California Bay Area and is currently the Artistic Director at the McColl Center for Art + Innovation in Charlotte, NC. She proposed a series of artistic interventions that use food to address dynamics of rapidly changing neighborhoods and the impact of neighborhood changes on local food ways.

A motion to accept the PAC's recommendation for the approval of Nicole Caruth as Curator for Temporary Public Art Exhibition was postponed due to lack of quorum.

- **THRIVE Projects-- ACTION**

Lauren Fitzgerald reported that there were 13 applications submitted and of those, 4 were recommended:

The Hijab Ballet Showcase:\$4,000

- Project Location: McGruder Family Resource Center (District 21)
- Dancer **Erika Burnett** will teach ballet to underprivileged girls with a focus on providing an inclusive experience for Muslim girls.
- A showcase will be designed to celebrate with the greater Nashville community the cultural significance of Ramadan.

Walking within your own Creative Rights: \$4,000

- Project Location: South Nashville Community (Districts 19, 6, and 3)
- Poet **Latonya Toran**, and several professional artists, will spark awareness of the importance of combining art and activism with youth in South Nashville.
- Participants will create multi-disciplinary art that reflects social change by researching history at the library's Civil Rights Reading Room and *Witness Walls*.

Who am I: Exploring the Self through Painting and Writing: \$4,000

- Project Location: South Nashville community (Districts 19, 6, and 3)
- Artist **Ashley Mintz** will facilitate and lead journaling and painting workshops that explore the identity of Black women. Workshops will be held at the **Curb Center** through November and February.
- Additional project partners are **Edgehill Library** and the **Edgehill United Methodist Church**.

Music Programming for the Homeless: \$3,000

- Project Location: The Room in the Inn (District 21)
- Musician Jamal "Jaefriz" Dotson will provide musical performances for the homeless community as they visit and pick up donations from partnering organizations, The Oasis Center and Room in the Inn.

A motion to accept the funding of the recommended THRIVE projects was postponed due to lack of quorum.

- **Bikeways and Complete Streets – ACTION**

Vincent reported that staff has been working with Metro Planning and Public Works to integrate artists into design planning for new bikeways and complete streets. The initiative may include artist-led community engagement to educate communities on complete streets and bike lane policies; artist-designed bike lane elements (Bollards/Planters); pavement markings; and bike racks.

A motion to approve artist engagement and projects related to Metro's Bikeways and Complete Streets initiatives with previously approved Transportation-related Projects with a budget of \$150,000 was postponed due to lack of quorum.

- **Art WORKS: Courthouse Collection Purchase/Selection Panel – ACTION**

Anne-Leslie Owens reported that the Art WORKS Collection will be a portable collection of small scale 2D and 3D work that will be placed in the Metro Courthouse with a budget of \$100,000. A citizen-based selection panel will select artists and Metro Arts staff will select artworks for purchase. The selection panel recommended by staff is: Omari Booker (Chair, PAC representative, non-voting); Audra Ladd (Mayor's Office/site sponsor); Stephanie McCullough (Mayor's Office/site sponsor); Roseanne Hayes (Metro Council Office/site sponsor); Claudia Bonnyman (judge); Mark Scala (curator); Jorge Yances (curator, tentative); David Hellams (artist, tentative).

A motion to approve the recommended selection panel for the Art WORKS: Courthouse Collection Purchase was postponed due to lack of quorum.

- **Witness Walls: Fountains - ACTION**

Owens also reported that complications with the fountain at *Witness Walls* such as it being mistaken for an ashtray or trash can; the collection of leaves and other debris; an inoperable pump; algae growth; and the need for daily/monthly maintenance have prompted a proposal for a new cover design. The new design would include a stainless steel cover that would be securely attached to the top of the planters; a cover would be flush with top of text and the planters; "Witness Walls" text; and LED lighting to produce shadows onto pavers.

A Motion to approve the disconnection of fountain irrigation and working with Metro Arts staff, to design a cover for the two planters was postponed due to lack of quorum.

Community and Organizational Development

- **Project Updates**

Opportunity NOW

It was reported that call for proposals has been issued for community arts partners to submit project ideas. The deadline to apply is November 3. The budget for this program increased this year to \$150,000.

Racial Equity in Arts Leadership (REAL)

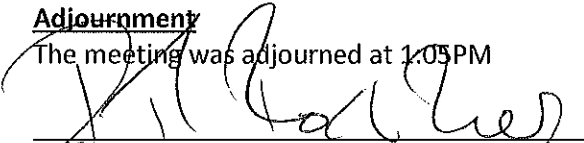
Members of the 3rd REAL learning cadre have been selected and will begin with a 2 ½ day Understanding & Analyzing Systemic Racism training with Crossroads in November. Monthly meetings will continue December through June.

Restorative Justice

New projects currently moving forward will engage youth in the detention center, Gang Court, the REAL program at Oasis and Global Education Centers. A new cadre of RJAP artists will be recruited in the late fall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05PM


Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds (Secretary/Treasurer)

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Date

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- **Proposed Consent Agenda— ACTION**

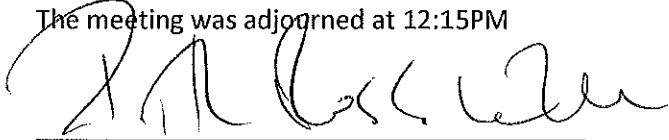
Agenda consisted of all actions presented in aforementioned meeting.

A motion to approve actions from the October 19, 2017 meeting was offered by Commissioner Tefel, seconded by Commissioner Whitney, and the motion passed.

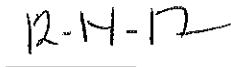
Commissioners were reminded that the November board meeting will be cancelled and the next meeting will be held on December 4, 2017.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15PM



Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds (Secretary/Treasurer)



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