



## **MINUTES**

### **Metro Art Board of Commissioners**

**April 21, 2022 12 p.m.**

### **Metro Southeast Building**

Room: *Green Hills Auditorium*

1417 Murfreesboro Pk.

Nashville, TN 37217

**Commissioners Present:** Jim Schmidt (Chair), Matia Powell (Vice Chair), Will Cheek (Sec./Treasurer), Jane Alvis, Ellen Angelico, Sheri Nichols Bucy, Marianne Byrd, Clarence Edward, Clay Haynes, Diana Perez, Paul Polycarpou

**Commissioners Absent:** La’Kishia Harris, Campbell West, Dexter Brewer

**Staff:** Ian Myers, Atilio Murga, Van Maravalli, Janine Christiano, Chuck Beard, Anne-Leslie Owens, Emily Waltenbaugh, Marysa LaRowe

**Guest Presenters:** Wanda Hadley, Razel Jones, Andrea Blackman

**Guests:** Derrick Smith (Metro Legal), Paige Pflieger, Isabel Tipton-Krispin (CARE member), Alan Fey

### **METRO ARTS MISSION:**

#### **Drive an Equitable and Vibrant Community through the Arts**

A. Call to Order & Welcome

Vice Chair Matia Powell called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and welcomed new commissioner Paul Polycarpou.

B. Approval of Minutes: March 17, 2022

Correction requested by Commissioner Byrd – on page 2, item 4, in the second to last paragraph, the line “the commission expressed concerns, they as” should be corrected to “they asked.”

***A motion to approve Arts Commission Minutes of March 17, 2022, with Commissioner Byrd's suggested correction, was offered by Commissioner Alvis. Commissioner Byrd seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.***

C. Discussion: Executive Director Search

Metro HR Training and Talent Acquisition Manager Wanda Hadley presented the job posting process and timeline for the Executive Director search.

***A motion was offered from Commissioner Cheek to post ED search as outlined on Monday, April 24, and to have Chair Schmidt appoint Commissioners to the hiring panel. Commissioner Alvis seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.***

D. Presentation: Metro Nashville Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer Andrea Blackman

& Metro Human Resources Workforce Diversity Manager Razel Jones gave a presentation to the Commission outlining their ongoing work with Metro Arts, with other Metro departments, and with Nashville business and community leaders.

E. Action Items:

1. Fairgrounds and Kossie Gardner Sr Park Public Art Projects: Budget Amendments

Public Art Manager Van Maravalli presented the Commission with increased costs facing the public art projects at The Fairgrounds Nashville and Kossie Gardner Sr. Park due to inflation, rising materials and labor costs, and supply chain issues. The Public Art Committee recommended an adjustment to the original budgets of 30%, to be funded from the Percent for Public Art fund.

**Public Art will bring the Fairgrounds budget back to the Commission at the May 2022 meeting, so no motion was offered.**

***Chair Schmidt offered a motion to approve a 30% increase for a new budget of \$65,000 for the public art project at Kossie Gardner Sr. Park. Commissioner Bucy seconded. All approved, and the motion passed.***

2. Nolensville Pike Public Art Projects - Revised Scope, Timeline and Budget

Atilio Murga presented options for project pivot, scope and artist stipends for the artist-designed transit shelter projects slated for Nolensville Pike.

***Commissioner Alvis offered a motion to approve (2) options for the Nolensville Pike public art project artists to either close out their full***

***contract or to accept a stipend of \$5,000 to modify their design to a bus shelter wrap. Commissioner Angelico seconded. All approved, and the motion passed.***

F. Staff Reports / Arts in Action Updates

Emily Waltenbaugh invited Commissioners to see Creative Girls Rock mobile mural launches at various Nashville libraries on the calendar and also to community engagement events with the Donelson Library artists.

G. Adjourn Meeting - Vice Chair Powell moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:53 p.m.