



METRO ARTS

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AGENDA

Metro Arts Board of Commissioners

August 18, 2022 12 p.m.

Metro Southeast Building

Antioch Room

1417 Murfreesboro Pk.

Nashville, TN 37217

Commissioners Present: Matia Powell (Chair), Will Cheek (Secretary), Sheri Nichols Bucy, Marianne Byrd, Clarence Edward, Clay Haynes, Paul Polycarpou, Campbell West, Diana Perez

Commissioners Absent: Ellen Angelico, La’Kishia Harris, Jim Schmidt, Jane Alvis, Dexter Brewer

Metro Staff: Daniel Singh, Ian Myers, Anne-Leslie Owens, Van Maravalli, Mollie Berliss, Chuck Beard, Vivian Foxx, Atilio Murga, Macy Amos (Metro Legal)

Guests: Alan Fey, Cassandra Stephenson.

METRO ARTS MISSION:

Drive an Equitable and Vibrant Community through the Arts

A. Call to Order & Welcome

Chair Powell called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. She introduced Executive Director Daniel Singh.

B. Approval of Minutes: July 21, 2022

Chair Powell asked if there were any questions or proposed changes to the minutes. There were none.

A motion to approve Arts Commission minutes for July 21, 2022 was offered by Commissioner Haynes. Commissioner Byrd seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

C. Arts In Action

Communications Manager Mollie Berliss reported on the successful public art community engagement at the Donelson Library and conclusion of the Diversity in Arts Leadership (DIAL) program concluded. Grantees have been in the news, including NFocus Magazine and Chinese Arts Alliance feature on Nashville Public Television this past June. She updated Commission on a recent change to Arts Alert. It will be monthly instead of bi-weekly going forward, and she clarified what is featured on those alerts for Commissioners.

D. Action Items:

1. Officers and Committee Chairs Discussion

Chair Powell is appointing a nominating committee for the Commission elections coming up in September, and she will also send out a form/survey for all Commissioners to learn about the Committees for the next year.

2. Proposed Joint Commission and CARE Meeting. Saturday, October 22, Pruitt Library, 10:30am – 1:45pm

Chair Powell announced that an upcoming Commission meeting will be a joint meeting with members of the CARE committee, staff, and community members. The plan is for this to take place on Saturday, October 22 at Pruitt Library from 10:30am-1:45 pm. She acknowledged that this is a Saturday and not everyone is going to be able to make it due to other obligations. She is open to hear from Commissioners if they have other ideas.

Chair Powell asked Organizational and Artist Support Coordinator Chuck Beard for updates on CARE since Commissioner Angelico was absent. Beard mentioned that Commissioner Angelico, staff, and CARE Committee are busy updating the work on the environmental scan and other CARE agenda items for the September meetings in preparation for joint meeting in October.

A motion to approve the Joint Commission/CARE/Staff/Community meeting on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 10:30am – 1:45pm, at the Pruitt Branch Library was offered by Commissioner Cheek. Commissioner West seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

E. Project and Program Updates:

1. Environmental Scan Update

Daniel Singh acknowledged the work being done by CARE and staff during this August CARE meeting pause and his belief that everyone will be on the same page with focus and a plan in September before the joint meeting.

Chuck Beard answered Commissioner questions about current Thrive application updates and reception for FY23.

2. Public Art Updates – Lending Library Year 1 Evaluation, Donelson Public Art Community Engagement Events & Upcoming Priorities for Fall 2022

Public Art Manager Van Maravalli gave a summary of the Lending Library patron survey findings, noting that the surveys are a great place for Metro Arts to use the equity lens.

Maravalli announced the Fall 2022 Public Art priorities, which include: Anne-Leslie Owens transitioning into a new position as Public Art Collection Manager, hiring 1-2 full-time Project Managers, releasing 3-4 new Request for Qualifications, continued participation in 2023 Mayor's Participatory Budget, and updating Public Art in Progress Report.

3. TN Arts Commission Arts Build Communities Subgrants Update

Jonathan Saad gave a brief update of the ABC grant awards for the state. Daniel Singh mentioned that there was a diverse representation of the grant allocation upon locations, and he hopes that in the future the different Council members can be even better advocates for communities and arts.

F. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Daniel Singh gave an overview of staff DEI work and acknowledged paused strategic planning. Metro Office of DEI will be planning community listening sessions alongside staff and other organizations for these "meet & greet" gatherings. Singh also noted an advocacy plan to see how we can better impact the communities we serve and need to serve better. He also wants to visit how the artists and smaller organizations can better advocate within the Metro system as well. Singh expressed an interest in showcasing local artists at Commission meetings and eventually have them participate in all Metro meetings.

G. Adjourn Meeting

Chair Powell gave the floor to Commissioner Perez. Commissioner Perez shared information and spoke about a big event for Hispanic Heritage Awards Ceremony on September 15, 2022, at Casa Azafran Park. Commissioners and staff are encouraged to attend.

Chair Powell adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Will Cheek (Secretary)

Date

Prepared by Anne-Leslie Owens