

Bloomington Arts Commission
Wednesday, August 13, 2014 5pm
McCloskey Conference Room, City Hall

MINUTES

Present: Jan Grant, Paul Sturm, Peter Jacobi, Martina Celerin, Craig Widen, Sally Gaskill, Abby Henkel, Jean Kautt, Lynn Schwartzburg, Francesca Sobrer, Alain Barker

Ex Officio: Miah Michaelson

Public: Gail Londergan

Call to order: Jan Grant at 5:02pm

Public Comment: Gail Londergan is now volunteering with the Arts Alliance of Greater Bloomington

Approval of July Minutes

Peter moves to approve, Craig seconds. No corrections.

Business and the Arts

- Ideas and inspiration provided in the packet
- Jan: How will this program get off the ground?
 - Funding
 - Personnel
- Paul: Ask businesses how they want to engage, but prepare for meetings with Chamber, businesses, etc by providing examples and plans
 - The business is in charge of its participation but we/artists provide ideas
- Francesca: Reach out to new businesses
- Miah: Ask Chamber for a short list of businesses to approach
- Abby: Need to know how we plan to carry this off
 - Paul: The idea is that the business carries it off
- Lynn: How do we do the process fairly?
 - Guided call for proposals
 - Formalize the process of a business approaching the City
 - Be proactive about approaching businesses
 - Get feedback from the first business we work with
- Sally: Help the Chamber take charge
 - Make a Business for the Arts committee
- **Next steps**
 - Approach Chamber and ask for recommendations
 - Invite Chamber member to BAC meeting
 - **Form a sub-committee** of the BAC to prepare an agenda and lead the meeting
 - **Paul, Craig, Alain, Lynn**
 - **Sally nominates Paul as the committee spokesperson**

- Gail Londergan offers the help of the Arts Alliance
- **Miah will reach out to Jeb Conrad**, invite to BAC September meeting
- **Miah will invite Ashley** from Springhill Suites
 - Commissioners who go to their event on the 20th should introduce themselves to Ashley

New Business

Project Modification: Bloomington Chamber Singers

- Craig moves to approve, Paul seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Music at Transit Center dedication

- Uketones and Kenari Quartet invited to play; payed by honorarium (\$275) funded through General Operating Fund of BAC
- Lynn moves to approve, Craig seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

Partnership: Clear Creek Trail

- Cyclist wants to support the commission of a piece of art for the Clear Creek Trail (offering \$3,000)
- Miah, cyclist, and Dale Enochs (hopefully) will explore the site possibilities
- Commission will consider Miah's proposal in September

Old Business

Letter to Lewis Ricci

- Great job, Alain and team
- Vote: All are in favor of sending the letter

Percentage for the Arts

- Miah received response August 13 that the Administration wishes for the Legal department to pursue researching the private sector's participation in the ordinance
 - Assume that all other proposals are acceptable

Public Art Master Plan

- Danise made a few tweaks
 - Wording changes
 - Changes to private funding sources
- Miah will make changes to add specificity and logistics

Staff Report

- Public Art
 - Transit: Installation wrapping up. Ribbon cutting - Wednesday, August 20, 10:00 a.m.
 - Gateway Project: Awaiting stamped engineering drawing. Currently working with Columbus fabricator.
 - 17th and Arlington: Selection panel met Monday, August 11, 5:00 p.m.
 - 12 submissions

- Panel consists entirely of neighborhood folks
 - Goes to the mayor, then BAC
 - Completion date: probably early 2015
 - Waldron Plaza: Demolition underway. Should be completed by September.
 - Sculpture is from the Governor's Arts Award
- BEAD
 - Next Meeting: Monday, August 18, noon McCloskey Room, City Hall.
 - Current Exhibit: Work by Peggy and John Woodcock.
- Other
 - Spaces still open for Elaine Luttrull Workshop. About 50 people signed up so far.
 - Fourth Street Arts Fest: Commissioners can volunteer at BEAD booth

Other announcements

- Sally is working to get a headstone for the unmarked grave of George "Rabbit" Shively. Free talk on Thursday, August 21 at 6pm at the MoCo History Center
- Abby gets a new last name soon, and is changing jobs to: Content and Social Media Coordinator for Visit Bloomington
- Lynn invites everyone to Dig In in Indianapolis, White River State Park
- Alain and Craig went to Commission on Aging meeting for Creative Aging Festival. It was a great meeting. BAC should find a way to get involved.
- Craig invites everyone to exhibit at Convention Center: Brad Fugate
- Next meeting: September 10

We are the catalyst!

Meeting adjourns at 6:15pm. We finished early 😊