

BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

January 11, 2023, 5 to 6:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

In-person: Gerard Pannekoek, Rachel Kabukala, Natalie Alamanza, Karen Hallet-Rupp, Babette Ballinger, Nia Carlsgaard, Nick Blandford, Suzanne Ryan Melamed, Pauly Tarricone(staff), Holly Warren (staff)

- City Hall McCloskey Conference Room 135, 401 N Morton Street

Virtual: see instructions to join below

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order/Welcome
 - Minutes recorded by Nick Blandford, new Secretary.
2. BAC Minutes/Financials
 - Natalie: moves to approve Jan minutes. Rachel: second. Minutes approved.
 - Financials: Most grants payments made at the end of 2022 and are now reflected in BAC balances. \$5943 was awarded but not paid out due to paperwork not being submitted, despite multiple prompts from Holly/staff. That money is absorbed back into the city budget, and may or may not come back to the BAC. Babette asked if there was a trend in who did not respond. Holly says no, suspects some folks may have left town. Approx \$40k from BUEA zone arts budget was not awarded and will be reabsorbed into BUEA's 2023 budget. In the past BAC has received \$40k from the city for grants. For 2023, we have \$65k. \$50k came from the city's general budget (increase) + \$15k allocated to BAC from increased local property tax revenue. \$65k is roughly in line with what we paid out last year. Grants committee feels confident we'll have appropriate projects to support at that level this year. Additional \$5k for emerging artist & organization professional development and \$16,500 for public art and other granting opportunities (funded by city income tax increase).
3. Staff update - Holly
 - a. Office of the Mayor staff update
 - Don Griffin stepped down as Deputy Mayor. Mary Catherine Carmichael appointed to fill that role. MCC previously served in a communications, public branding role with the city. Kaisa Goodman temporarily covering that role in addition to serving as Chief of Staff.
4. Update: By-law task force status - Nick
 - Final review of by-laws and supporting document slightly delayed by holidays. Task force will clean up in the meeting this Friday which Holly will join. Final documents to be submitted to full commission ahead of Feb BAC meeting for discussion and vote.
5. Update: Public Art - Natalie Alamanza, chair
 - Public Art Master Plan to be released in Feb. Feb committee meeting will be on site touring the brutalist building on S Rogers re: potential for arts incubator space. Apr dedication of Goat Farm installation. NSF mural to be installed this summer. Future

Opportunity to install a mural on the walls around the Duke Energy substation at 11th and Rogers. Gerard: asked about how we're releasing the Master Plan. Holly: PA committee will need to discuss strategy for promotion and education. Master Plan will be reviewed by legal and receive final review for feedback from the full commission.

6. Update: Grants - Holly on behalf of Elliot Josephine Leila, chair update
 - 2023 will have 3 grants cycles (rather than 4): Arts Project, Emerging Artist, Operations. Aim to release all funds before Thanksgiving. Further conversation needed re: how to set up applicants for success, streamline the application, program workshops, and improve the scoring rubric.
7. From your chair: Gerard
 - a. Communications Plan
 - Thinking about how resources are communicated. Potentially create a task force to create a communications plan to identify resources, target audiences for resources, and how to improve access around them. Babette: Anything we do, set specific timelines and measurable goals. We're not all things to all people, so let's clearly identify what our concerns are and make that part of the communication. Nick: Clarify when we can tap into City communication tools. Ie: we should probably press release the PA Master Plan. But usually that will be limited to
 - b. Commissioner Vacancies
 - 2 vacancies: Please recruit and encourage folks to speak with Gerard. Karen: asked if any applications are in the queue. Holly: Yes, but still good to encourage folks who are interested. If you know someone is in the queue, please flag with Holly so she can monitor it.
8. Commissioner Announcements
 - Suzanne: Bach cantata project performance upcoming at St Thomas church.
 - Gerard: Reminder about invitation to BCT centennial gala. Evening of Jan 28. If interested in attending, let Gerard know this week if you haven't already.
 - Gerard: Evening of Feb 9 artist party, organized by Chaz, hosted by IU Arts & Humanities Council, celebrating public announcement of Granfalloon.
 - Natalie: Monday at BCT, wonderful MLK celebration featuring speakers, dance group, free to the public. Gallery Walk Fri, Feb 3. Cook Gallery opening Black Lit exhibition with poetry reading on Fri, Feb 10.
 - Babette: Working to locate public art for our inventory project. Has spoken to folks at IU about how they track. Went to a presentation at McCalla and realized there was a sophisticated program at IU for this. Gloria Colom (Program Manager, Historic Preservation). Feel free to send any suggestions to Babette.
 - Holly: Once Babette's initial sleuthing is complete, we'll look to bring in more people to help flesh out the inventory. The 3rd & Rogers brutalist building is the 3-5yr pipe dream. She and Babette are working to identify other spaces that are publicly owned but underutilized which could serve as alternatives.
 - Holly: One of the grants we funded: FreezeFest on Jan 20 (The Mill / Visit Bloomington) project managed by Chaz.
9. Public comment

- None.

10. Call to adjourn

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