

BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

February 8, 2023, 5 to 6:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

In-person: City Hall McCloskey Conference Room 135, 401 N Morton Street - Elliot Josephine Leila Reichert, Natalie Almanza, Gerard Pannekoek, Karen Hallet-Rupp, Holly Warren (staff), Chaz Mottinger (staff), Pauly Tarricone (staff)

Virtual: Rachel Kabukala, Suzanne Ryan-Melamed

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. BAC Minutes/Financials
 - Jan minutes: Gerard moves to approve. Natalie seconds. Approved.
 - Financials: No changes. Holly recapped changes for 2023 (similar to Jan recap, but with screen shared this time).
3. Staff update - Holly
 - Highlighted art installation in City Hall Atrium featuring work by IU Prison Arts Initiative Students. Holly is looking to activate that space more frequently after great feedback.
 - Chaz: Next artist party is tomorrow, Feb 9, 7-9pm at Backspace Gallery. Partnered with IU Arts & Humanities and Granfalloon.
4. Commissioner Feedback: Updated By-laws
 - Gerard: Plan is to discuss the documents, and hopefully vote by the end of this meeting.
 - Nick: Provided quick recap of the intent.
 - Suzanne: Question about
 - EJLR: Question re: what happens when a commissioner is appointed to complete a departing commissioners term and how many terms they are eligible for. Gerard: Still need to confirm this with City legal. **
 - EJLR: Where will we house this document, who is responsible for it? Nick/Gerard: Secretary will maintain it and work with Holly/staff to record it in the shared BAC drive.
 - Gerard: Any feedback on the Vice-Chair role, as it's new. EJLR: Suggests it be reviewed in a couple years to see how it works in practice. Natalie seconded this.
 - Pauly: Are these specific enough? Do they need to be fleshed out more? Karen: Feels like a good guide so that not everything needs to go through a chair.
 - Karen: I like that it provides a protocol for transitions in roles.
 - Gerard: Moves to approve pending confirmation of ** point above. EJLR seconded. BAC approved unanimously. That means we need a Vice-Chair now. If interested, please contact Gerard.
5. Update: Public Art - Natalie Almanza, chair
 - Met in person near the Hopewell site with City Parks and Engineering to discuss a potential arts space somewhere in the site. Pauly: Any specific spaces? Natalie: Potential elevated space for an outdoor performance site. Holly: Pedestrian blvd leading to the performance zone. Potential piece of public art there. Tree plantings to create some

separate from the Kroger lot. Natalie: Digital version of the plans to be shared soon. Holly: 3D modeling available soon to review as well. Since this will come in phases, we'll take it a phase at a time. EJLR: Is there a % for art budget? Holly: Not yet, but she's working on it.

- Pushing back release of PA Master Plan to include a more diverse scope of work in the case study examples. Goal is still to review it ahead of the March BAC meeting so we can discuss and vote.
6. Update: Grants - Elliot Josephine Leila, chair
 - Thanks for feedback on the grants cycle schedule. Will be published soon. Emerging in Fall. Operations in Summer. Arts project grants open soon. Feb 21 @ MCLibrary: Grants information session in person to cover details of the first cycle, but also cover the entire schedule so artists/orgs know which cycle their applications may best fit.
 - Task force is being formed to review some questions that came up in the last cycle: defining emerging artists, designing grant reporting materials, how to review organizations with connections to IU, how to consider in-kind contributions.
 - Chaz has been working on a new tool/portal for submitting applications, and should aid the review process (including collating and assigning to review members).
 - If interested in joining the committee, or have suggestions for non-commissioner readers, now is a great time to let EJLR know.
 7. From your Chair - Gerard
 - a. Communications Plan
 - Invitation to join task force. Scope: Plan to describe the content to share on website, social media, and other means of communication. Then best practices for each. Timeline will be similar to the By-Laws Task Force, or even shorter.
 - b. Commissioner get-together in March/April
 - Purely social. Will circulate a doodle poll soon to find a time.
 8. Commissioner Announcements
 - EJLR: Exhibition at IU Art Museum group show Direct Contact, photographic practices not lens-based, more abstract.
 - Natalie: Fri 6-9pm @ Cook Center, reading with poets featured in the Black Lit exhibit currently in the gallery, in partnership with Neal-Marshall Center.
 - Gerard: Artist Party tomorrow is also Granfalloon the programming announcement. This year it won't be the full line-up, but will include headliners and key partners with other details rolled out more gradually.
 - Gerard: Our March meeting is right before the deadline (Mar 10) for April First Thursday. If you know anyone interested, have them get in contact before then.
 9. Public comment
 - Susan Hingle: Great to see you all deal with by-laws and BAC has similar discussions as other organizations. Asked about open commissioner seats. Holly: Council appointment interviews are happening. Hoping that this and the open mayoral appointment are both filled by the end of March.
 10. Call to adjourn
 - Gerard: motion. Natalie: second.

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