

## **BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION**

### **FULL COMMISSION MEETING**

March 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, Suzanne Ryan-Melamed, Natalie Alamanza, Paulie Tarricone (staff), Karen Hallet-Rupp, Gerard Pannekoek, Rob Shakespeare, Nick Blandford, Chaz Mottinger (staff), Christina Elem

Virtual: Holly Warren (staff), Rachel Kabukala, Nia Carlsgaard, Babette Ballinger

### **A G E N D A**

1. Call to Order/Welcome
  - a. Welcome new Commissioners Rob Shakespeare and Christina Elem
    - Individual introductions of all commissioners in attendance.
2. BAC Minutes/Financials
  - Minutes: Gerard moves to approve. Suzanne seconds. Approved unanimously.
  - Financials: Holly summarized. No changes since last month.
3. Staff update - Holly
  - Chaz working to get approvals for closing Kirkwood over the summer for events. Looking to beautify parklets in this public space.
  - Holly received approval to use one of the vacant storefronts in the 4th St Garage. Opening event on Friday, March 17. Curated by One Drop, a pop-up art group from Indy, featuring local and regional artists of color.
  - Following up on feedback from the art facility feasibility study re: a need for an online artist resource platform. Goal is to launch a beta version of this by the end of 2023.
4. Commissioner Feedback: Revised Public Art Master Plan
  - Gerard: Goal today is for discussion, feedback, and hopefully a vote..
  - Natalie: Focus of recent revisions was to add a wider range of case studies and images.
  - Babette: Asked if we needed any additional photos. Holly: We have what we need, but she'd love to get whatever people have so we can archive them.
  - EJLR: Asked if there were any parts of the process that required special attention. Nick: Adding practicality to the document so it goes beyond a mission statement. Tried to accomplish this via the tool kit, glossary, and case studies. Biggest philosophical/language update was to elevate the concept of cultural exchange with other communities in addition to the uplift of local artists.
  - Rob: Does this address specific zone or areas that might be underserved? Natalie: Not explicitly, but the goal was to be very inclusive and give citizens a guide to act. Nick: PA committee has discussed this issue before. Babette has been particularly vocal and proactive about how we compile an arts inventory that can inform future decisions.
  - Gerard: Motion to vote to approve this master plan. EJLR: Second. Approved unanimously.
5. Update: Public Art - Natalie Almanza, chair
  - Meeting on Friday with city engineers working on the Hopewell neighborhood site to demonstrate areas where art could be located. Possible art installations, suspended

- artwork on structures / light poles, sculptures. April meeting will focus on these concepts.
- Babette: Asked if we had a date for Rogers Family Farm (Goat Farm) dedication. Holly: Not yet, waiting on updates. Babette: Have a couple groups who may be interested in participating.
6. Update: Grants - Elliot Josephine Leila, chair
- EJLR: Recently held our first in-person/hybrid info session since the pandemic started. Debuted the new Grants software (thanks Chaz) which will simplify the workflow of compiling and prepping materials for review. Public-facing interface is live, linked from the City's website. EJLR and Holly re-presented at the iFell last week. Project grant applications are due Mar 31. Next Grants meeting, focus on the internal process of grants and discuss how we give feedback to applicants.
  - Chaz: 26 people have applied or have an application in progress so far.
  - Rob: Asked about the parameters of the grants call. EJLR: 1st cycle: Arts Projects, up to \$4k, can include individual artists, do not need to be attached to an organization. 2nd cycle (summer): Operations, up to \$5k for 501c3 organizations. 3rd cycle (fall): Emerging Artists, up to \$2k, can include individual artists or groups.
7. From your Chair - Gerard
- a. Commissioner get-together in March/April
    - Gerard: No perfect dates. Please hold 2 times: directly after our next meeting Apr 12 or evening of Fri Apr 28. The doodle poll may not have worked as intended, so he'll send a fresh poll.
  - b. Questions for mayoral candidate discussion
    - Arts Alliance in partnership with the Waldron is organizing. Apr 11 5:30-7:00pm ET. Gabe G is moderating. Each candidate will be asked 2 questions, then a closing statement, then public Q&A. Gabe has asked us to help come up with questions for his list.
    - Chaz: Current administration doubled grants funding. Babette: Current agreement for the Waldron will expire in the next administration's term. Holly: Making cost of living and studio space affordable for artists. Gerard: Knowledge of and opinion on the feasibility study. Nick/Nia/others: Commitment to current city funding for the arts and willingness to increase. EJLR/Paulie: Ask them to define purpose, value, and role of art in community and how does that translate to practical policy. Rob: Should we encourage them to consider certain questions to address in their opening/closing statements.
    - Gerard has taken notes on commissioner suggestions and will work to refine some of the questions and circulate for feedback. Any follow-up thoughts, please email by tomorrow. Available commissioners are encouraged to attend.
  - c. Finalize Commissioner welcome packet
    - Once Christina and Rob have been able to review and give some feedback, we can wrap it up for future use.
8. [Upcoming events and important dates](#)
9. Commissioner Announcements
- Chaz: Next Artist Party tentatively April 18 at the 4th St Garage pop-up gallery space. This will be our fourth event. Attendance has steadily grown each time.

- Gerard: Apr 6 First Thursday in the fine arts plaza around Showalter Fountain, 5-8pm.
- Natalie: Girls Rock Bloomington registration opens this Friday. 20-25 slots will fill up quickly. Ages 8-14. Camp is in July. Mar 30 event at Cook Center featuring local Asian artists.

10. Public comment

- None present

11. Call to adjourn

- Gerard: Move. Nick: Second. Adjourned.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/88691874944?pwd=NkhGeDE3Rzd4MngzQXhMc3pCcUI2dz09>

Meeting ID: 886 9187 4944

Passcode: 868050

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,88691874944# US (Chicago)

+19292056099,,88691874944# US (New York)

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 886 9187 4944

Find your local number: <https://bloomington.zoom.us/u/kqn2SJFV>