

BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

April 12, 2023, 5 to 6:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

In-person: City Hall McCloskey Conference Room 135, 401 N Morton Street - Chaz, Holly, Natalie, Rob, Gerard, Paulie, Christina, Rachel Karen, EJLR, Suzanne

Virtual: Babette

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. BAC Minutes/Financials
 - Minutes: Gerard move to approve. Natalie second. Vote approved.
 - Financials: Holly summarized. No change.
3. Staff update - Holly
 - Reminder to vote May 2nd or now via early voting.
 - Waiting for legal to sign-off on our by-laws document, specifically re: commissioner terms details.
 - Just returned from a site visit in Indy with fabricator Bomar. They will be handling the city gateway features that the BAC provided feedback on previously. Looking to bulk up our list of approved/recommended fabricators. Hopeful that we will be engaged earlier in future Parks Dept projects that may include arts elements. Gerard: Are we re-considering whether this project is considered public art? Holly: No, we're happy to leave this clearly in the Parks Dept's realm. Paulie: Any changes in the design? Holly: No longer using corten steel. They took feedback re: the lighting design to be more thoughtful of place. Will include a leaf design to fit better with the landscaped elements.
4. Update: Public Art - Natalie Almanza, chair
 - Working on PA masterplan rollout. Plan to debut May 15 with a public event. Will be offering up to 10 grants at \$1k each for projects inspired by the master plan. EJLR: Are these funds coming from Grants Committee? Holly: No, these will come from discretionary BAC budget.
 - Gerard: Latest on Hopewell? Natalie: Waiting on more details wrt budget. Committee will focus next meeting on brainstorming more concepts. Rob: Will the 1% statute apply? Holly: Yes, but still need to determine that figure. It's only 1% of a certain subset off the city's cost responsibilities, not private development. But the city can look to engage developers on making art commitments case-by-case.
 - Babette: Update on Rogers Family Farm dedication? Holly: Sometime in June, still TBC.
5. Update: Grants - Elliot Josephine Leila, chair
 - EJLR: This cycle closed with 66 applications. More to come re: logistics and structure for reviewing applications.
 - a. Grant Software Overview- Chaz Mottinger
 - Chaz: Email coming soon to invite reviewers to set-up a log-in for the system. Once set-up Chaz can assign commissioners as reviewers for individual applications. Chaz provided an onscreen walkthrough of the platform and key categories for review.

Deadline will be included. Similar to the IAC's platform. Invite will include instructions/tutorials. Suzanne: Are conflicts of interest included in the backend? Chaz: We'll consider that when assigning, but there will be a place where reviewers can note a conflict if missed. Karen: Can the system send reminders on deadlines? Chaz: Yes, automations will be set-up. Rob: Is this for the Grants committee or others? Chaz: Yes, committee and other readers from the public. EJLR: Have been gathering recommendations for readers for a while. Karen: Maybe this could be used for future public art reviews. Holly: Part of why we bought this software is it could be used across multiple application projects within ESD. Nick: Will reviewer notes be kept internal or be visible to applicants? Cliff notes for the reviewer or should it be more clear and digestible for other reviewers and applicants? Holly: In the past, I've made myself available for feedback but have always aggregated it from review meeting notes. It's up to EJLR, but we likely won't provide direct blanket feedback.

6. From your Chair - Gerard

a. Mayoral candidate recap

- Last event was in 2019. Great turnout in the theater upstairs, over 100 people. Goal was to show that the arts community, while not assuming consensus, is a large vocal voting block. Good BAC representations, thanks for those who attended. Some of the questions we discussed at our last meeting were used. Largely positive with statements of support for funding. Housing was a key adjacent issue. Mostly non-specific answers, but demonstrated candidates relationship with the arts and how they view it in the city's ecosystem, specifically as an economic driver. Rob: Felt their comments were genuine, support for arts as part of our cultural identity. EJLR: Several nods to the work the BAC has done. Some mentions of ideas and hypotheticals that are actually things we're already doing, which demonstrated various levels of awareness. Nick: I was slightly disappointed at Councilperson Sandberg's awareness of what the BAC is doing, considering she is the BAC's Council liaison. Part of that is on the BAC, but it's something I'd like to see improve in the future. Chaz: Also disappointing to see the lack of diversity in the room, which was largely older and white. Paulie: Big takeaway, all candidates seemed motivated by activating more art in neighborhoods. The biggest disparity seemed to be in their opinions re: Hopewell and the Holly: There's a general debate tomorrow night, broadcast on WFIU/WTIU/YouTube.

7. [Upcoming events and important dates](#)

- This weekend: Burning Couch festival put on by IU Music Industry Club in Switchyard Park. Applied for a project grant, they took our feedback to host in a public space.
- Artist party: Next Tuesday 4/18 7-9pm in the pop-up gallery under 4th St Garage. Poetry and spoken work around 8pm. WFHB DJing. Food provided. Please come and participate in a diverse artist community.

8. Commissioner Announcements

- Nia: This Friday 4/14 in Waldron/Hill/Buskirk Parks 3-9:30pm Project School Bands + Girls Rock Band. On 4/28 at 8pm, reopening at Roses Midwest Gallery (in alley behind iFell) with 2 noise artists and a band from Chicago. Diego Doodles doing First Friday for May Gallery Walk.
- Babette: Artists for Climate Change are doing multiple shows in venue around town,

looking for artists to participate. AAGB now hosting inexpensive classes including one coming up in a couple weeks with watercolors. Paint Bloomington: First Saturday in October. Will need some volunteer support if interested. Looking for connections with art education.

- Paulie: Masters of Arts Admin talent show at the Waldron tomorrow at 8pm.
- Nick: Record Store Day Sat Apr 22, featuring a Durand Jones appearance. (Natalie: Granfalloon shirts will be handed out at RSD). Durand also debuting material from his new solo album at the Bluebird Thu Apr 27.
- Suzanne: Independent Book Sat Apr 29. Don't Call Me Betty performing at Morganstern.

9. Public comment

10. Call to adjourn

- Gerard: move. EJLR: second.

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