

## **BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION**

### **FULL COMMISSION MEETING**

May 10, 2023, 5 to 6:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

In-person: City Hall McCloskey Conference Room 135, 401 N Morton Street - Chaz (staff), EJLR, Nick, Christina, Gerard, Karen, Rob, Babette, Holly (staff), Paulie (staff)

Virtual: Rachel, Nia

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

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. BAC Minutes/Financials
  - Minutes: Nick noted names of attendees need to be updated, then moved to approve with those changes. Rob seconded. Vote approved.
  - Financials: Holly summarized. No change. Gerard asked about MCCSC funding. Holly clarified the City provided \$30k to MCCSC for arts programs as a one time grant from ARPA funds. We won't track this as part of BAC budget, since it's totally up to MCCSC how that money is spent. Holly may ask for MCCSC to report to the BAC down the road.
3. Staff update - Holly
  - Kerry Thomson won the Democratic primary for Mayor. Holly's position is approved by Council as part of the general city budget. Technically, the mayor could fire her or re-address the position in the future, but unlikely. Often new administrations retain core city staff for first year, then as they understand how depts work they may replace staff in certain roles or restructure. Question: When is it appropriate to engage with Kerry and any other candidates that may be on the ballot. Holly: We're planning to present to Council in Sept. Let's invite candidates to our Oct meeting.
  - After the Arts Alliance candidate forum, we discussed the Council's liaison to the BAC. Holly has reached out to clarify how BAC should best engage our liaison.
  - Sat May 13, Visit Columbus Bloomington Day. Goal is to improve exchange of ideas and relationship between the two cities. Public Art walk will start at the Trades Garage. Lunch at Waldron. Afternoon conversation about Hopewell development with a panel including Natalie (Public Art). Then visit One Drop closing reception at 4th St Garage pop-up space, followed by a film screening in Upland Woodshop.
4. Update: Public Art - Natalie Almanza, chair
  - Holly: IU professor received \$10k National Science Foundation for a nano-science mural. Call for proposals closed in April. Amazing responses, all local. Will be installed on a wall near Wonderlab and the B-line.
  - Holly: Goat Farm public art dedication. Parks has selected a Tue in June at 1pm, which is an odd time to be inclusive. She'll follow up with Parks to see if it can be rescheduled.
5. Update: Grants - Elliot Josephine Leila, chair
  - Great work from the grant readers. Quality of the applications continue to get better. Based on review feedback Elliot, Gerard, and Holly (city) will propose specific funding details. Will be reviewed at May 19 Grants meeting. Nick: I think final funding requires full commission vote. Holly to clarify with legal.

- Operations grants cycle opens on May 30. For 501C3 organizations, to support any operating expenses.
6. From your Chair - Gerard
    - Asked Chaz for a report on the latest artist party. Chaz: 80 attendees at the One Drop exhibition. WFHB DJ'd. Spoken word / poetry performances. Sponsored by Downtown Bloomington Inc, who were happy and impressed with it. Rob/Gerard: Positive feedback about the space and how it was activated. Rob: Will we continue to have access to the 4th St Garage? Holly: Not in the same way. There's a potential tenant for the space, but they may be interested in including art and activations. There may or may not be time and bandwidth available to utilize that space before it's occupied. Also exploring using other spaces, using One Drop show as a proof of concept.
    - a. Call for minutes taker, June 2023 meeting
      - Babette volunteered.
    - b. BCT Feedback at June meeting
      - BCT in the process of creating a new strategic plan. A member of that sub-committee will send us questions in advance, then will attend our June meeting to get our feedback.
  7. [Upcoming events and important dates](#)
    - Babette - Conserve Bloomington, art show re: climate change at Arts Alliance (in the mall) this Fri May 12. Reception at 6pm. Musical performance at 6:45 with original material from IU Jacobs students.
    - Rob: New play "On the Line" written by Jonathan Michaelson, exploring the dynamics of college athletes and NIL financial compensation. Runs May 18-20 at Ted Jones theatre at 7:30pm. Discussion at the end of each performance to give feedback as the project is developing.
  8. Commissioner Announcements
    - Gerard: Granfalloon is meant to kick off summer arts series in B'ton and promoting upcoming events via partner tables. Showcase of local and regional artistic excellence, and B'ton as a destination for outside artists to perform and speak. One of the primary events IU Arts & Humanities does as a community partnership in off-campus and publicly accessible locations. Most events are free, inc film screenings, theatrical performance, music, talks, interactive activities, etc. Specific details [online](#).
  9. Public comment
  10. Call to adjourn
    - Gerard moved to adjourn. Babette second. Adjourned.

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