

## **BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION**

### **FULL COMMISSION MEETING**

October 11, 2023, 5 to 6:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

In-person: City Hall McCloskey Conference Room 135, 401 N Morton Street - **Nick Blandford, Gerard Pannekoek, Rob Shakespeare, Suzanne Ryan-Melamed, Holly Warren (staff), Nia Carlsgaard, Babette Ballinger, Pauly Tarricone (staff), Natalie Almanza, Elliot Josephine Leila Reichert (joined late), Chaz Mottinger (staff), Christina Elem**

Virtual:

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

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. BAC Minutes/Financials
  - Gerard move to approve. Natalie seconded. Approved.
  - \$25k-\$30k likely to be available for emerging artist grants. Holly is looking for other funds in her budget to add to that total.
3. Staff update - Holly
  - a. 10/24 City of Bloomington Boards and Commission Appreciation event + Time for another photo!
    - Event: Tue, Oct 24. The photo we took before the meeting is for the slideshow.
    - Tonight's Council Meeting: 2nd reading of 2024 budget. There will be a new amendment discussed re: a new bucket of funds, so unsure if it will be voted upon or not.
    - Update: Miller-Showers Park Gateway - sign/sculpture is almost completely built and ready for install. After 3 Board of Public Works meetings, they have still elected to not vote to approve . After discussing with City colleagues in the Parks Dept, we agree that the installation is not public art. Any issues responding to questions/comments from the public, feel free to consult or direct to Holly.
    - City Hall Atrium art installation by the Bloomington Spinning and Weavers Guild. Reception Fri, Oct 13, 6-8pm.
4. Update: Public Art - Natalie Almanza, chair
  - Meeting rescheduled: now this Friday at noon.
  - NSF mural installation and dedication delayed: we found out the wall currently has anti-graffiti paint.
  - 4 artists selected for the Duke substation mural. Install will happen in the Spring, with opportunities for public comment scheduled in advance. Many volunteers will be needed when the time comes. 12 panels - 6 vertical sections split in 2. Panels will be split between the 4 artists.
  - Public Art Master Plan to be announced at Oct 18 presentation to Council.
5. Update: Grants - Elliot Josephine Leila, chair
  - 89 emerging artist applications. Tentatively had planned Nov 11 for a panel review meeting. Keep an eye out for emails to coordinate schedules and assignments. If you have suggestions for external reviewers, please forward to Elliot.
  - Good questions and feedback from Babette + Chaz about how to organize funding tiers,

how to message that to applicants, etc. Holly noted that our past messaging mentioned that not all applicants will receive full funding, so expectations should be tempered. Plan to discuss these issues more in the next Grants subcommittee meeting Fri, Oct 20.

6. From your Chair - Gerard

a. Presentation to City Council on Oct. 18

- Council meeting starts at 6:30pm. Presentation is still set for early in the agenda. If commissioners are available to attend, the support is welcome. Good feedback from our last meeting. Many pictures added to the powerpoint and script has been tightened up.

b. Looking to the end of the year

- Wrapping up emerging artists grant cycle. City staff working to get funds out the door as quickly as possible.
- Looking to have an end of year party/gathering again. Chaz has suggested tying this to the regular artist party. Date TBD, but aiming for the first 2wks of Dec. Guests will include commissioners (and family) and grant attendees. Last year was at the Bloomington Creative Glass Center. They offered to host again, but is the space big enough if we're combining it with an artist party.
- In January, sub-committee meetings will need to be in person once again.
- Nick: Flagged that 4 commissioners are due to have terms end Jan 31, 2024 (Nick, Babette, Rob, Rachel). Nick is the only 2nd-term commissioner who will cycle off. If the other 3 commissioners wish to continue, they technically need to reapply. Holly noted that reappointments have been relatively simple and painless in the past, but it's still unclear how this will work under the new administration. We'll need a new Secretary and a Vice-Chair. Aim to vote on those in December.

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

- Gerard: Is there a system for tracking when funded projects will be happening so the BAC can be aware to attend, support, and promote? Elliot: Not really, but we can write the list and ask for event updates. We're still working on a reporting form. Holly: Moving forward we can send a form alongside awards notices. Gerard: Reporting can be discussed more in the grants subcommittee. But his main concern is our awareness of events so we can get them on our calendar. If commissioners are aware of any that are happening soon, please add.

8. Commissioner Announcements

- Babette: Paint Bloomington was a success. +30% more participants over last year. Good stream of people throughout the day, with a diverse crowd well representing the town. Brown County Theatre is looking for directors for shows for their next season. If you know anyone who's interested, she can share contact.
- Rob: Served as a judge for Paint Bloomington. Wasn't aware of it last year, but was really impressed with the work and creativity especially from youth participants.
- Chaz: Flagged the next Artist Party on Oct 24 at FAR supporting the Music Industry Creatives group from IU. 3 bands / music groups will perform and a few art vendors will be set-up to sell. Tamara from FAR is organizing this month. IU Cinema: you can submit proposals to curate a film or series.

- Natalie: Girls Rock finished the first series of “Little Rockers” camp with 2-5 year-olds, with sessions on guitars, keys, drums, and vocals. Cook Center will be installing a Community Altar for the Day of the Dead with an opening reception later in the month.
- Nia: Come visit the Orbit Room tonight.
- Suzanne: Early Music Festival has all submissions in. Applications from several US cities and other countries. Announcements to come in January. Bach Cantata + BCS performances this weekend.

9. Public comment

- None present

10. Call to adjourn

- Gerard moved to adjourn. Rob seconded. Adjourned.

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