

## **BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION**

### **FULL COMMISSION MEETING**

November 8, 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, **Pauly Tarricone (staff)**, **Natalie Almanza**, **Elliot Josephine Leila Reichert**, Chaz Mottinger (staff), **Christina Elem**, **Karen Hallett-Rupp**

Virtual: **Babette Ballinger**

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

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. BAC Minutes/Financials
  - Gerard moves to approve. Natalie seconded. Approved.
  - All funds for Projects and Operations grants have been sent to recipients. \$32,709 remaining from initial allocation for grants. Holly was able to reallocate some other funds which were unlikely to be used this year, bringing the total to \$50k for Emerging Artist grants (\$5k earmarked for professional development grants, \$3,500 public art, \$8,791 from other 2023 arts funds).
3. Staff update - Holly
  - Following yesterday's election, the new mayor and council members are now set. Holly reached out to Kerry Thomson today to discuss what the BAC does and the needs of the local arts community. Her transition committee has commissioner email addresses and may be in contact with us.
  - City has temporarily paused the Gateway project (aka the Monolith). Not entirely clear what the means wrt next steps, but it's possible the BAC will be consulted for further feedback.
  - A few commissioners' terms will expire at the end of Jan 2024. For those eligible for a 2nd term, you're encouraged to re-apply. If you have any recommendations for new commissioners, please flag with Holly and Gerard.
4. Update: Public Art - Natalie Almanza, chair
  - Since the Public Art Master Plan went public, the site has seen some engagement with the micro grants info, but no applications yet. These are rolling grants, so no strict timeline for review.
  - The National Science Foundation mural near Wonderlab is being installed now by artist Erin Tobey. Tentative dedication on Dec 3.
  - The design for the Duke substation mural is close to finalized.
  - Engineering has talked to Holly about the Hopewell phase 1 public art integration. Based on that, we'll be writing a draft for an artist call soon.
  - Next meeting will be rescheduled from this Friday Nov 10 (Veteran's Day), hopefully for next week.
5. Update: Grants - Elliot Josephine Leila, chair
  - Emerging Artist grant reviews were completed this weekend. Thanks to those who

participated. Tomorrow a group will meet to finalize a funding proposal, which will be discussed and voted on in the next Grants meeting Friday Nov 17. Lots of good feedback on how we can tweak the process to refine it for next year.

6. From your Chair - Gerard
  - Holly and Gerard presented to Council on Wed Oct 18. Point of focus on the growing demand for grants funds. Really happy with the level of engagement, support, and quality of questions from Council.
  - a. Looking to the end of the year
    - Gerard & Chaz are discussing a date for the BAC end of year party (early/mid-Dec). Typically, the monthly artist parties are earlier in the week. Last year, we did it on a Friday. Canvassed the room for preferences.
  - b. Looking to start of 2024
  - c. Open(ing) positions
    - Vice-Chair and Secretary
7. [Upcoming events and important dates](#)
  - Gerard reminded people to add events since the sheet doesn't have much on it.
  - Nick asked if people might engage more with an actual google calendar rather than a sheet.
8. Commissioner Announcements
  - Holly, Gerard, and Natalie are speaking on a panel tomorrow as part of an IU leadership training course.
  - Gerard: The Blockhouse Halloween show was great. Lots of talent in this town.
  - Natalie: The Taylor Swift trivia and karaoke night went great. The conference was a success as well. Winter handmade market this weekend at the Convention Center.
  - Nick: The last artist party at FAR was great. Younger crowd with lots of students due to the partnership with IU Music Industry Club. New Hope for Families is hosting a holiday tree show and silent auction Nov 14-16 at the Switchyard Park Pavilion.
  - Karen: Will be the featured artist at the Venue for December. Opening on Dec 1 Gallery Walk night.
  - Babette: AAGB artist party in the mall Sat Nov 11 @ 6pm.
9. Public comment
  - No public present
10. Call to adjourn
  - Gerard moved. Natalie seconded. Adjourned.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/88691874944?pwd=NkhGeDE3Rzd4MngzQXhMc3pCcUI12dz09>

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/j/88691874944>