

## **BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION**

### **FULL COMMISSION MEETING**

December 13, 2023, 5 to 6:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

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

Virtual: Nia Carlsgaard

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

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. BAC Minutes/Financials
  - Gerard moved to approve minutes. Suzanne seconded. Approved.
  - \$50k remaining funds for Emerging Artist grants have been fully allocated. \$30k has already been paid out to those recipients who returned paperwork ahead of the last claims cycle. The remaining will be paid out in early 2024.
  - BUEA will be directing \$50k of their funds to BAC grants next year (up from \$40k this year). They were quite happy with how we used 2023 funds.
  - Remaining Public Art funds will go towards future recipients of PA Master Plan micro-grants.
3. Staff update - Holly
  - Incoming Mayor has appointed Jane Kupersmith as new Director of Economic and Sustainable Development, who has previously worked in the department. Holly will get her up to speed on work of the last couple years and future vision, but
  - Parks Dept put the Gateway (aka monolith) project to public comment after revising the design, converting it from a vertical to horizontal design. If Commissioners individually or collectively want to submit further feedback, all are encouraged to do so. Gerard: Spoke to the Herald-Times and explained why we did not consider it public art. Recommended that stand as the official BAC stance and commissioners express themselves individually.
4. Update: Public Art - Natalie Almanza, chair
  - a. Approval of Neighborhood Art Grants
    - Committee reviewed 16 applications for micro grants in our PA Master Plan. Recommendation grid provided for discussion. Applicants were cross-referenced against recipients for Grants Committee grants. \$9,500 of available \$10k allocated.
    - Nick/Suzanne: Asked about the nature of the rolling grants cycle and how funds will be budgeted for a full calendar. Still TBD, but the budget will refresh (\$16,500) for 2024 at which point the application will be reopened.
    - Natalie moved to approve. Rob seconded. Approved.
    - Rob: Asked about public feedback on the Duke substation mural. Christina: Feedback was discussed with the artists leading to some small changes. Public

- comment was generally very positive.
- Holly: Dedication for Erin Tobey / NSF mural had a great turnout. Lots of activities related to the mural.
5. Update: Grants - Elliot Josephine Leila Reichert, chair
    - Meeting scheduled for this Friday is canceled. EJLR is working on the grants reporting process and the 2024 cycle calendar.
  6. From your Chair - Gerard
    - a. BAC holiday party- Thursday, Dec. 14, 6-9pm, I Fell
    - b. Looking to start of 2024
    - c. Open(ing) spots and positions
      - Nick and Rachel are both departing once their terms are up at the end of January. The Secretary position will be open.
    - d. Potential presenters
      - If you have any suggestions, please share with Gerard and Holly. Nick: Asked staff about anyone in the new administration that may benefit from speaking with us at a meeting. Holly: Kerry Thomson (Mayor), Gretchen Knapp (Deputy Mayor), Tim Street (new permanent Director of Parks & Rec), Adam & Michael (Public Works), Angela Van Roy (HAND Neighborhood Services Program Manager).
      - Topics: City branding, better understanding of what public art is, placemaking and site-specific art.
  7. [Upcoming events and important dates](#)
  8. Commissioner Announcements
    - Karen: Painting exhibition opening at The Venue felt good. Artwork will remain up through December, and possibly January.
    - Gerard: Suggestion for holiday gathering games - pop culture draft by year (ie: movies, music, etc). The conversation that comes from it helps people learn about each other and share memory.
    - Rachel: Ross Gay reading at Morgensterns tonight at 6:30pm.
    - Nick: Bloomington Fine Art Supply now open on S. Rogers.
    - Natalie: Feb 2 Gallery Walk - Black Poet event, submissions open now.
    - Babette: Saw the first show from Eclipse. Quality production of 'True West'.
    - Chaz: FAR photo exhibition (BAC-funded) went great.
  9. Public comment
    - None.
  10. Call to adjourn
    - Gerard moved. Natalie seconded. Adjourned.

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