

Bloomington Arts Commission

Wednesday, September 11th, 2019

5 to 6:30 pm - McCloskey Conference Room

Commissioners in Attendance: Sean, Sally, Michael, Karen, Nick, Rachel, Bryony, Quinton, Sam, Lynn

Public: Tyler, Mellisa, Margo, Ndino, Chas*

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order/Welcome
 - a. New Member - Karen Hallett-Rupp

Call to order at 5:04 PM.

2. Approval of August minutes

Commission will look over minutes by Friday in order to approve.

3. Financial Report

Sean: No Changes in the financial status of accounts.

Micheal and Sean discuss using some of the funds to support the 1% Fund.

4. Welcome Public
 - a. Invitation for public comment

5. BAC Projects

- a. Grants Committee Update

Rachel: Last meeting was August 16th. We discussed RE-TOOL, a framework for reviewing our grants through an equity lens. We created internal priorities related to the grants process.

We discussed final reports for 2019 and what information we want to collect and what is important to the grants committee.

Michael: Do you have a sense of what you want to do with the information?

Quinton: How do we think about what equity looks like when we largely know that our respondents will represent a homogenous population in Bloomington. What is the role of the commission in actively doing some sort of outward facing engagement to help cultivate a diverse pipeline of applicants.

Sally: I would recommend making equity and inclusion one of the major goals for the strategic plan. I think we could also think about how to create bridges of support for new applicants.

Rachel notes that some of this is already happening.

Sally and Lynn note feeling unwelcome at Black y Brown. Tabled for further discussion.

Sean: We will have an extra \$800 due to the 2% grant accelerator.

b. Public Art Planning Committee

i. Trades District Update

Sean: Working with the artist because the bid came in over budget. Also some difficulty with gaining materials due to the tariffs. One firm quoted 80,000 just to build the structure and the entire budget is \$100,000.

ii. Switchyard Update

Sean: Selected T3 proposal. November is the launch date for the project. The Big Dipper piece is still in the running for the other side of the structure.

Bryony asks about the timeline for reworked renderings of the proposal. Sean notes these conversations will take place after the contract has been put into place.

iii. Parking Garage Update

Sean: Proposal submitted by Project One. The estimate is over budget. \$375, 000 budgeted but the proposal is currently at approximately \$450,000. The current digital rendering will shift moving forward.

Micheal asks about the possibility of shopping around the fabricators where projects are over budget. Project One works exclusively with a particular fabricator. Artists for the Trades District project is working to look for different fabricators.

c. Ivy Tech Community Arts Awards

Lynn: There are quite a few submissions and judging will take place soon.

Sean: Discussion about moving the application submission deadline in order to get a bit more interest in the Awards Ceremony.

6. Staff Report

a. BUEA Grants

b. BEAD Meeting Sept 16th - McCloskey Room (12 - 1:30 PM) - City Hall

Sean: We will be meeting soon to discuss working on the strategic plan.

c. Region 8 Grant Ceremony - October 4th (5-6:30 PM) City Hall Council Chambers

Sean: \$178,000 came into Monroe County this year in terms of IAC grants. It would be great if there was a good showing of commissioners at the event.

Sean announces recent grants received from the Columbus Museum of Art as well as the launch of a collaborating with a course at IU on public art. They will present at our October Meeting.

7. Commissioner Announcements

Bryony: Whoever wants to be involved in the strategic plan and we will begin to work on those details. If you can think about where you want to participate in the advocacy segment of our work. Lastly, I wanted to see about the possibility of us getting name tags.

Sean: I can get a quote and we can pull money out of the commission fund.

Lynn: Bloomington Chamber singers is celebrating 50 years in Bloomington. There will be a ticketed gala event at One World Woolery Mill on the last day in September.

Sam: Mill will be hosting a Flyover Podcast event. 9/19 we will have a fireside chat with Two Stix about their entrepreneurial journey as a bakery. I also have an art exhibit that will be displayed at Secretly Group.

Lotus and Midway Music Festival coming up soon.

Rachel: Midway will be hosting a few upcoming fundraisers including a Super Smash Bros. competition and a Tiny Dorm Music Show.

Nick: We are hosting music industry nights. If anyone is interested, let Rachel or I know. Preparation for Bloomington Record Festival is underway. More information soon.

Sally: Great Gatsby has opened at Cardinal Stage.

There was an advocacy alert because a certain Bloomington City Council member at City Council Budget Hearing noted that the arts are expendable.

Rachel spoke to the offending councilwoman and she noted that she didn't actually mean to suggest she wanted to cut the arts budget.

Sally detailed the members of the council who she has engaged with.

Arts Forward Bloomington will host a forum with local council members on 9/17 and I believe it will be a good opportunity for commissioners to attend in order to engage with elected officials and candidates.

Sean: There were multiple members of the public who noted the expendability of the arts.

Michael: Arts Admin symposium is November 1st and 2nd. Would it be possible to get a joint meeting between the arts and sustainability commissions?

8. Public comment

Chaz: Pictura Gallery has a sold-out show. Representative noted the organization's receipt of a recent BAC grant.

9. Call to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Approved, Bryony Gomez-Palacio, 10/7/19, 5:30pm

Approved, Rachel Glago, 10/8/19, 1:30pm