

Raleigh Arts Commission
December 8, 2015
5:30 PM, RMB 305

Present: Chanda Branch, Joe Cebina, Linda Dallas, Laurent de Comarmond, Gene Davis (Vice-Chair), Andy Martin, Nancy Novell (Chair), Sarah Powers, Stan Williams

Absent: Jason Craighead, Gail Perry, Joanne Sullivan

Staff: Jerry Bolas, Executive Director, Office of Raleigh Arts (by conference call)
Sandi Sullivan, Administrative Assistant, Office of Raleigh Arts
Kim Curry-Evans, Public Art Coordinator, Office of Raleigh Arts
Belva Parker, Arts Program Director, Office of Raleigh Arts
Scott Payne, Assistant Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department (PRCR)
Cassie Schumacher-Georgopoulos, Senior Planner, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources
Candace Almond, Plan Coordinator, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

Guests: Clymer Cease, RAP Steering Committee
Scott Hazard, Public Art and Design Board
Linda Noble, Public Art and Design Board
Kathleen Rieder, Public Art and Design Board

Call to Order

Chair, Nancy Novell, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM. She then had everyone introduce themselves.

Approval of November 10 Minutes

Linda Dallas made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Sarah Powers seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

Raleigh Arts Plan (RAP)

Cassie Schumacher-Georgopoulos reported the following:

- The Steering Committee met on November 17 and voted unanimously to recommend the RAP for approval by PADB and CORAC.
- One notable change was to include a more complete definition of placemaking.
- The process began two years ago and was built around community engagement.
- Over 4,000 participants were engaged during the process using eleven different methods.
- CPG reported Raleigh had the highest level of participation they had ever seen in the development of a cultural plan.
- Community conversations in particular were a huge success, capturing voices from all across the city.
- The eight goals of the *Creative Life* plan were reviewed.
- RAP Draft changes and revisions were distributed and reviewed.
- Sarah Powers announced that she is keeping a list of terms that may require further definition/clarification.
- Designer Karen Crowson has been retained to design the RAP document that will be presented to City Council.

Gene Davis thanked the Steering Committee and Arts Office staff for their hard work. He also thanked Scott Payne and the PRCR Department for their support.

Gene made a motion to approve the Raleigh Arts Plan and recommend adoption to City Council. Chanda Branch seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Nancy Novell asked that an announcement be added to *Arts Flash*.

Committee/Board Reports

Executive Committee

Nancy Novell reported that on December 1 she and Laurent de Comarmond presented the CORAC and PADB work plans to City Council and they were approved.

Art, Education & Collections Committee

Gene Davis reported that the Committee approved a Citizen-Initiated Art Project, a temporary mural that will be installed on a building across from CAM that is scheduled for demolition. Bart Cusick will paint the piece, *A Note to Ten Year Old Me*.

The National Art Project exhibit in Block Gallery opened on Friday, December 4. Winners were announced at the opening and the Mayor will present the winners their award checks at the next City Council meeting.

Grants Committee

Linda Dallas reported the following:

- All Technical Assistance Grant recipients have been contacted.
- Grant workshops for the main grant cycle have been completed. Ten organizations attended the workshop for new applicants, the largest attendance ever. It is predicted that at least five of those organizations will come in for funding.
- The Web Accessibility 101webinar was well attended. One-on-one meetings with the consultant were also completed. Participant feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Public Art & Design Board

Laurent de Comarmond reported the following:

- The Board revisited the HPA transportation allocations and decided to table the discussion regarding two potential projects, Oberlin Road and New Bern Avenue, until next meeting.
- The possibility of allocating the funds for a bus shelter on Hillsborough Street is also being considered, though a considerable amount of money has already been allocated to that project.

Executive Director Report

Nancy Novell reported that she attended First Friday. Gab Smith from CAM gave Nancy a book entitled *The Imaginary Architecture of Love*, by Sarah Cain, which she shared with the group.

Public Comments

None.

New/Other Business

Belva Parker announced that the State of Arts and Culture in Wake County, hosted by United Arts, will be held on January 13 at the NC Museum of Art and the new Piedmont Laureate will be announced.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM

Submitted by Sandi Sullivan