

Raleigh Arts Commission
January 12, 2016
5:30 PM, RMB 305

Present: Chanda Branch, Jason Craighead, Linda Dallas, Gene Davis (Vice-Chair), Andy Martin, Nancy Novell (Chair), Gail Perry, Sarah Powers, Joanne Sullivan

Absent: Joe Cebina, Laurent de Comarmond, Stan Williams

Staff: Jerry Bolas, Executive Director, Office of Raleigh Arts
Sandi Sullivan, Administrative Assistant, Office of Raleigh Arts
Scott Payne, Assistant Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department (PRCR)

Guests: Chryssha Guidry

Call to Order

Chair, Nancy Novell, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Approval of November 10 Minutes

Gene Davis made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Andy Martin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

Raleigh Arts Plan (RAP)

Jerry Bolas reported that office staff, in conjunction with designer Karen Crowson and Sarah Powers, are working on a document for publication. He shared mock-ups of the document in progress. The RAP is on the agenda for City Council on February 2. All members of CORAC, PADB, and the Steering Committee are asked to attend. Nancy Novell added that Commissioners need to advocate for the RAP with Councilors. Nancy proposed composing a letter to Councilors and having all Commissioners sign it. Linda Dallas asked if there were any media coverage items planned around the final approval of the arts plan. Jerry said that the new Director of Communications, Damien Graham, has offered to help.

FY17 Budget Update

Jerry reported that there are several funding mechanisms that support programs and operations in the arts office. They are:

- Per Capita – Based on \$5 per resident, supports grants, programs and three staff positions
- General Fund – Supports three staff positions and daily operations
- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – Funding from the city's construction projects.

There are approximately 440,000 residents in the city and using the established per capita formula the arts office will receive slightly fewer than \$2.2 million in per capita funding, a \$41K increase over last year. The general fund is a flat amount each fiscal year. For FY17, Jerry has been working with Scott Payne and Diane Sauer to request, as part of the funding for implementation of the RAP, establishment of a new position in the general fund, a Community Arts Program Director. This individual would be working out in the community using arts centers as a base of operations. In addition, there is a \$50K line item in the CIP for a public art master plan that was identified as a goal in the RAP. It is already part of a balanced CIP budget and Jerry believes it is highly probable that it will be funded. The arts office also has access to a revolving fund and there is a mechanism in place to borrow funds from the revolving fund in order to purchase an art vehicle. Those funds would be paid back over time. The art vehicle would also open up the opportunity to create new partnerships and sponsorships.

Committee/Board Reports

Executive Committee

No report

Art, Education & Collections

No report. The committee will meet again in January.

Grants Committee

Linda Dallas reported the following:

- Thirty-three applications were received for the FY17 grants cycle, nineteen operating support and fourteen program support.
- There were four new applicants: Meredith College, Raleigh Dance Theatre, Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the Triangle Lebanese American Center.
- Orientation for program support panelists will be held January 15 at 4:30 at Chavis Community Center. A separate orientation for operating support panelists will be scheduled for a future date.
- New panel members include: Renay Aumiller, Karen M. C. Keys, and Carolyn Colquitt.
- All Commissioners are welcome to sit in on any part of the grant interview process.

Public Art & Design Board

Jerry reported for Laurent de Comarmond that Andy Dufford has been installing his sculpture at the Critical Communications Center.

Executive Director Report

Jerry reported that he and Kim Curry-Evans will be interviewing candidates for the public art assistant position next week.

He also reported that City Council has reorganized its committees in order to align with the city strategic plan. Arts and culture will be a part of the new Economic Development and Innovation Committee. Mayor McFarlane will chair the committee. Other members include Councilwoman Crowder, Councilman Gaylord, and Councilman Thompson.

Jerry reminded everyone of the State of Arts and Culture in Wake County event at the NC Museum of Art on January 13 at 4:00.

Public Comments

Chrysha Guidry introduced herself and provided a brief bio.

New/Other Business

Nancy Novell reported that the citizen initiated public art project, Bart Kusick's graffiti mural, is up for potentially for one more week across from CAM Raleigh.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM

Submitted by Sandi Sullivan