

Raleigh Arts Commission (CORAC)
June 21, 2016
5:30 PM, RMB 305

Present: Chanda Branch, Linda Dallas, Gene Davis (Vice-Chair), Laurent de Comarmond, Andy Martin (by conference call), Nancy Novell (Chair), Gail Perry, Sarah Powers (by conference call), Joanne Sullivan (by conference call)

Absent: Joe Cebina, Jason Craighead, Stan Williams

Staff: Stacy Bloom-Rexrode, Curator of Exhibitions and Collections, Office of Raleigh Arts
Sarah Corrin, Arts Grants Coordinator, Office of Raleigh Arts
Scott Payne, Assistant Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department
Sandi Sullivan, Administrative Assistant, Office of Raleigh Arts

Call to Order

Chair, Nancy Novell, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

Approval of April 19 and May 17 Minutes

Laurent de Comarmond made a motion to approve the minutes from April 19. Gene Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Gene Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from May 17. Linda Dallas seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

Elections

Sarah Powers made a motion for Nancy Novell and Gene Davis to continue for one more year as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Linda Dallas seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Art Collection Acquisitions

Gene Davis, on behalf of the Art, Education and Collections Committee, recommended three pieces for purchase and addition to the Municipal Art Collection (MAC). Stacy Bloom-Rexrode reviewed the bios for each of the artists.

Gene Davis made a motion to acquire Tedd Anderson's, *Moving Still*, for the MAC. Laurent de Comarmond seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Gene Davis made a motion to acquire Damien Stamer's, *South Lowell*, for the MAC. Linda Dallas seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Gene Davis made a motion to acquire Lien Truong's, *With Brotherhood*, for the MAC. Sarah Powers seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ad Hoc Appeals Committee Recommendation

Gene Davis reported that the committee determined that the Grants Committee followed the rules set in place for evaluating Meredith's grant application and determining funding. They are recommending that Meredith's appeal be denied and encourage them to reapply.

Gene Davis made a motion to deny Meredith's appeal. Linda Dallas seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

Advocacy

Nancy Novell reported that City Council approved the FY 17 budget yesterday and asked Scott Payne to provide updates. Scott reported the new position for a Community Arts Coordinator was not funded. There was no increase in per capita. It remains at

\$5.00. Percent for public arts was increased from ½ % to 1% and the ordinance was amended. The CIP line in the Public Arts Master Plan was increase from \$50K to \$75K.

State of the Municipal Art Collection Report

Stacy Bloom-Rexrode reported the following:

- Block Gallery receptions were moved to coincide with First Friday which has resulted in increased attendance.
- We joined the Downtown Raleigh Alliance and are listed on their website, which has increased visibility for Block Gallery.
- There has been a huge increase in our presence on social media, Instagram, Pinterest, and Facebook.
- The call for artists for 2016-17 series has been held. An emphasis was placed on finding artists who pursue art as a career. The goal is to increase the prominence of the Block Gallery and create a stepping stone for emerging artists.
- Press coverage is being actively cultivated.
- There were fifteen new acquisitions, both public art and two dimensional works from Block Gallery.
- Documentation of the Municipal Art Collection has been expanded to include photo documentation, better tracking, labeling of all pieces
- Future projects include: secure storage for pieces not suitable for public spaces, framing for the pieces acquired as part of the Artspace CSA, and a video series to support Block Gallery Artists.

Medal of Arts

Nancy Novell announced that the winners are as follows: Sarah Powers, VAE; William Henry Curry, Assistant Director, NC Symphony; Eric Ennis, Visual Artist; Sharon Moore, Director of Arts NC State; Dr. Mel Tomlinson, NYC Ballet; and Virginia Zehr, Arts and Education, United Arts Council. The ceremony date is October 6 at Fletcher Opera House at 7:00 PM.

Committee/Board Reports

Art, Education & Collections

Gene Davis reported the following:

- Voted on Municipal Art Collection acquisitions.
- Discussed the Moore Square Construction Fencing temporary art project.
- Committee meetings were moved to Thursdays before each CORAC meeting.

Grants Committee

Linda Dallas reported that following:

- The theme of this year's NC Theatre Conference, being held in July, is Arts Equity and Diversity. Scholarships are being offered to Raleigh theatre organizations as part of ongoing capacity building initiatives. Keynote speaker, Teresa Eyring, will speak July 18 from 9:30-11:00 in Thompson Hall. She will also meet with CORAC and arts staff that same day in RMB 305 from 4:00-5:30.
- There are no capacity building funds for FY 17, but Sarah Corrin has been working on a partnership with the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation to provide training a training called, *Building Board and Staff Leadership Skills*. The city will provide the venue for the workshop and BCBS will open up the workshop to arts organizations.
- Sarah is working with Betty Siegel on bringing the LEAD Conference to Raleigh in either 2018 or 2019.

Public Art & Design Board

Laurent de Comarmond reported the following:

- Laurent was re-elected as Chair and Bob Rankin as Vice Chair.
- Thomas Sayre presented his concept design for The Union Station canopy. The proposed budget is \$368K which is not yet funded.
- The four finalists selected for the Chavis Memorial Park project were reviewed. Interviews will be held in July. The selected artist will work with Clearscapes and the design team to integrate public art into the park.

Executive Committee

Nancy Novell reported that CORAC has been invited to assist with the selection of the Sir Walter Raleigh awards. Gene Davis volunteered to assist. Linda Dallas volunteered to serve on the jury to select a new design for the award.

Nancy also reported that Executive Committee and CORAC will not meet in July. Committees will be finalized in August.

Executive Director Report

Scott Payne reported that they are in negotiations with the final candidate for the Executive Director position. He also reminded everyone to add the Destination Dix celebration to their calendars, July 23 beginning at 10:00 AM.

Public Comments

None

New/Other Business

Nancy announced that the Piedmont Laureate for 2017 will be a poet and applications will go out on August 1.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM

Submitted by Sandi Sullivan