

**Raleigh Arts Commission (CORAC)**  
**September 20, 2016**  
**5:30 PM, RMB 305**

Present: Chanda Branch, Linda Dallas, Gene Davis (Vice-Chair), Laurent de Comarmond, Moses Alexander Greene, Nancy Novell (Chair), Gail Perry, Stan Williams

Absent: Joe Cebina, Jason Craighead, Andy Martin, Joanne Sullivan

Staff: Sarah Corrin, Arts Grant Coordinator, Office of Raleigh Arts  
Belva Parker, Arts Program Director, Office of Raleigh Arts  
Scott Payne, Assistant Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department  
Sarah Powers, Executive Director, Office of Raleigh Arts  
Sandi Sullivan, Administrative Assistant, Office of Raleigh Arts

Visitors: Betsy Ludwig, Executive Director, Arts Access  
Jamie Katz Court, Communications and Programs Manager, Pinecone  
Gab Smith, Executive Director, CAM  
Ava Scott-Welles, Intern, CAM

**Call to Order**

Chair, Nancy Novell, called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

**Approval of August 16 Minutes**

Gene Davis made a motion to adopt the minutes as amended. Stan Williams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion Items**

**Learning Community Presentation**

Learning Community members gave a brief presentation about their upcoming event, *We Are Here*, focused on accessible cultural opportunities in the triangle. It will be held October 16 from 1-4 at the Five Points Active Adults Center.

**Work Plan**

A draft was distributed. Nancy Novell asked commissioners to provide input. The plan will be voted on at the October meeting and presented to City Council in November.

**CORAC/PADB Retreat**

Sarah Powers discussed her idea for an offsite retreat. She added that CORAC's mission would be discussed and asked everyone to think about potential agenda items. Commissioners agreed that Saturday morning at an offsite Park facility would work well.

**Action Items**

**Block 2**

Gene Davis presented artist, Matt McConnell's, video for the final screen design for the Block 2 project. The screen is three dimensional and reminiscent of falling leaves. The goal is to have the entire project up and running by First Night.

Gene made a motion to approve the Block 2 final screen design by Matt McConnell. Linda Dallas seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Moore Square Artist Selection**

Stan Williams served on the selection panel and reported the following: Thirteen artists submitted applications for consideration. Four finalists were selected: Brian Gonzales, Shannon Newby, Peregrine Projects, and Cayce Lee. A handout was distributed which contained brief bios for each artist and examples of previous work.

Gene Davis made a motion to approve the Moore Square artist selection. Chanda Branch seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Recommended Changes for FY18 Grant Guidelines**

Proposed changes were distributed in the meeting packet and reviewed by Chanda Branch. Chanda made a motion to accept the proposed changes as presented. Linda Dallas seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Committee/Board Reports**

**Art, Education & Collections**

Gene Davis reported the following:

- The enhanced Banjostand will be making its debut September 26. It will include an ADA access ramp, a custom banjo for Sir Walter, and programming, which includes yoga, a photo contest, and a banjo flash mob.
- This is the tenth anniversary of Art-on-the-Move. Deadline for applications is October 20.
- The current Block Gallery Exhibition, *Seeing Beyond Structures*, has been extended until November 11.

**Grants Committee**

No additional report.

**Public Art & Design Board**

Laurent de Comarmond reported the following:

- The work plan has been drafted and incorporates specific RAP implementation goals.
- Funds for public art at the Southeast Raleigh Tennis Center have been transferred to a new project at the Biltmore Hills Tennis Center.
- Chavis Celebrates will be held October 1 and artist, David Wilson, will be there to engage with the community and gather stories.

**Executive Committee**

No report.

**Executive Director Report**

Sarah Powers reported the following:

- Medal of Arts is October 6. Volunteer sign-up sheets were distributed.
- The second Shorts in the Park event will be held at Pullen September 22.
- Pullen and Sertoma renovations are underway and plans are in place for continuation of programming.
- Staff will be participating in a retreat sometime this fall.

**Public Comments**

None

**New/Other Business**

None

**Adjournment**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM

Submitted by Sandi Sullivan