

**Raleigh Arts Commission (CORAC)**  
**November 15, 2016**  
**5:30 PM, RMB 305**

Present: Chanda Branch, Arrington Clark, Jason Craighead, Linda Dallas, Gene Davis (Vice-Chair), Laurent de Comarmond, Andy Martin, Nancy Novell (Chair), Gail Perry (by phone), Joanne Sullivan, Stan Williams

Absent: Moses T. Alexander Greene

Staff: Brad Johnson, Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board Liaison  
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

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of October Minutes**

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

**Action Items**

**Citizen Initiated Project: Midtown Raleigh Alliance Crosswalk Project**

Sarah Powers presented images of the two designs, done by a local artist, recommended for approval by AEC Committee. Two proposed locations include Duke Health Raleigh and the North Hills Mall area. Sarah reported that implementation is planned for February through April 2017. The painting will be done professionally. Andy Martin made a motion to approve the temporary public art project. Laurent de Comarmond seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Block 2 Artist Selection Recommendations**

Gene reported that Stacy Bloom Rexrode is selecting artists and curating the initial show for the launch of Block 2. She is recommending three artists for consideration: Marta Di Francesco, Susan Narduli, and McClean Fahnstock. Snippets of their work were shown. Sarah added that First Citizens has signed off on the work. Block 2 will premiere at First Night on New Year's Eve. Joanne Sullivan made a motion to approve the artwork for Block 2. Andy Martin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion Items**

**Work Plan Presentation**

Nancy announced that CORAC is scheduled to present the work plan to City Council on 12/06/16.

**CORAC and PADB Retreat**

Nancy announced that the retreat will be held 01/07/17 at the Thomas G. Crowder Woodland center from 9:00-2:00. Gail Perry has agreed to assist with the agenda. The Raleigh Arts Plan implementation strategies and timeline will be forefront in the agenda. Nancy is still searching for a facilitator for the retreat.

**Committee/Board Reports**

**Art, Education & Collections**

Gene Davis reported the following:

- Banjostand was a great success with added enhancements and programming.
- Brigitta Mills is leaving the Office of Raleigh Arts to focus on graduate school. The position has been posted and closes on November 25.
- The Acorn has been successfully relocated to the Duke Energy Center.
- Sir Walter Raleigh statue turns forty this year and festive adornments are being planned.

### **Grants Committee**

Chanda Branch reported the following:

- Fifty –five organizations total attended the new and returning grant applicant workshops.
- All current arts partners are returning with the exception of Raleigh Dance Theatre.
- Nine new organizations attended.
- St. Patrick's Day parade returned. Capital City Girls' Choir was personally invited, but did not attend.
- Five organizations attended the Innovation Grant workshop.
- Applications are due January 3. First orientation for the Grants Panel will be held January 18.

### **Public Art & Design Board**

Laurent de Comarmond reported that the PADB work plan was presented to and approved by City Council.

### **Executive Committee Chair Report**

Nancy reported the following:

- The next Commission Meeting on December 20 will be cancelled.
- The next Executive Committee Meeting on December 13 will also be cancelled.
- Chanda Branch will represent CORAC at the American Indian Cultural Festival on Saturday.

### **Executive Director Report**

Sarah Powers reported the following:

- The National Arts Partner exhibition featuring both Wake County and city employees and their family members will open December 6 in the Block Gallery.
- Pullen Arts Center renovation updates. Illustrations were provided.
- Arts Flash is being redesigned and streamlined.
- Social media is also being streamlined and strategies for maximum engagement are being explored.

### **Public Comments**

None

### **New/Other Business**

Scott Payne reported that the PRCR Boards and Commissions holiday party will be held 12/15/16 at Five Points Center for Active Adults at 7:00 PM.

Brad Johnson provided updates for Parks Board projects.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM

Submitted by Sandi Sullivan