

Raleigh Arts Commission (CORAC)

April 18, 2017

5:30 PM, RMB 305

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

Staff: Brad Johnson, Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board Liaison
Sarah Powers, Executive Director, Office of Raleigh Arts

Call to Order

Chair, Gene Davis, called the meeting to order at 5:43 PM.

Approval of October Minutes

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

Discussion Items

Advocacy: Gene Davis provided an update on advocacy. The Commission will be advocating for moving three full-time salaries out of per capita to the general fund in order to free up roughly \$234K in funds.

Committee/Board Reports

Art, Education & Collections: Arrington Clark

- Arrington Clark is the new chair!
- Art-on-the-Move is partnering with Artsposure and Go Raleigh to feature performing artists on the R-Line which will be re-branded as the "Artline" on Saturday, May 20. This is part of the 10th anniversary celebration for Art-on-the-Move.
- Banjostand staff is gearing up for another year of *Banjostand* with Bland Hoke. Extended programming will be added this year.
- Arts staff is collaborating with OPTIC staff on the Mural Festival in October. Block 2, non-traditional art in Block Gallery, and special programming at Dix Park are all being worked on.
- The Typewriter Project is an ongoing public art project, at North Hills through April 30. The project is on tour from New York. It features a vintage typewriter that will live stream whatever is typed by the public.
- Two Saturdays ago, Linda Dallas spear-headed a tremendous daylong event at St. Agnes Hospital, as part of St. Augustine University's 150th anniversary celebration of the HBCU. Artists were present all day using the hospital as inspiration for their artwork. They will be able to submit their work for consideration for an exhibition in Block Gallery later this year.



Grants Committee: Chanda Branch

- Gene thanked Chanda for her leadership on the committee and announced that she will chair it again this year.
- Grant allocations were presented to City Council and were approved. Council commended the grants program for their process and has asked other departments to look to CORAC for guidance.
- The CAM Raleigh recommendation was sent to Council for deliberation.
- Universal Access Day is this Thursday at 9 AM and will feature a series of talks and workshops. Nationally recognized presenters and local talent will address issues within our local community. A complete schedule was distributed and reviewed

Public Art & Design Board: Laurent de Comarmond

- PADB did not meet in April, but representatives met with staff to discuss the Public Art Plan and review the RFQ. Initial response was small and only one firm was interviewed, so a new call will be sent out.
- A subcommittee met with Thomas Sayre and staff to discuss funding strategies for Union Station.
- Bob Rankin's term with PADB is expiring. Gene will appoint a replacement soon to fill this vacancy.

Executive Committee: Gene Davis

- Gene would like to form two ad-hoc committees
 - a. **Board Diversity:** Compile and recruit leaders of color to connect with arts partners and remove barriers for board service.
 - b. **Medal of Arts Makeover:** This group will strategize about updates and enhancements to this venerable awards ceremony.
- Commissioners were encouraged to attend arts partner events and report any feedback to Sarah Corrin.

PRGAB: Brad Johnson

- John C. Chavis Memorial Park is now in the final design phase, hopefully to begin construction next spring.
- The Board is working on new parks, particularly in the NW corner of Raleigh. Master planning process is nearly complete.
- Brentwood and Devereaux Meadows parks will be redeveloped.
- Dix Advisory Board continues to hold meetings.
- The PRCR Department just won a GIS award for a project which added pedestrian access information to maps, to allow for easier accessibility and new connections to be made to existing parks.

Executive Director Report: Sarah Powers

- CAM Raleigh's show, ***Ease of Fiction***, is on tour. It will be in San Francisco and CORAC is recognized in the marketing materials.
- Art-on-the-Move buses are on the street. Posters with art images were distributed.
- Urban Land Institute is doing a symposium/workshop in June that arts staff and UDC are participating in. Topics include place making and public art in transportation.
- Sarah is serving on the Civic Campus Advisory for the new City Hall!

Public Comments

None

New/Other Business

Moses T. Alexander Greene has a dream job! He is the new NCSU Director of African American Studies.

Adjournment

Stan Williams made a motion to adjourn. Gail Perry seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Submitted by Sandi Sullivan/Sarah Powers