

Raleigh Arts Commission (CORAC)
October 17, 2017
5:30 PM, RMB 305

Present: Chanda Branch (Vice-Chair), Linda Dallas, Gene Davis (Chair), Laurent de Comarmond, Pam Hartley, Beth Khalifa, Andy Martin, Stan Williams, Shelley Winters

Absent: Arrington Clark, Moses T. Alexander Greene,

Staff: Scott Payne, Assistant Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department
Sarah Powers, Executive Director, Office of Raleigh Arts
Sandi Sullivan, Administrative Specialist, Office of Raleigh Arts

Guests: Elizabeth Doran, CEO, North Carolina Theatre

Call to Order

Chair, Gene Davis, called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM. Gene introduced new Commissioner, Shelley Winters, who provided a brief bio.

Approval of August Minutes

Andy made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Stan seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Committee/Board Reports

Art, Education & Collections: Sarah for Arrington

- Crocheted Nina Simone mural by OLEK will be installed this weekend at The Raleigh Convention Center. Artist, Matt McConnell, will construct a frame and assist with installation. A reception will be held at Residence Inn Saturday at 4:30.
- The Moore Square Construction Fencing project is moving forward. The artists will install their work in December.
- The opening reception for the Envision St. Agnes and Mary Carter Taub exhibition will be held October 25 from 5-7.

Grants Committee: Chanda

Grants Fall Events calendar is nearly complete. Descriptions were provided for upcoming workshops and learning lunches.

Equity, Access, and Inclusion Initiative Task Force: Chanda

The initiative has officially kicked off with attendance at the RACE Exhibit and cultural conversations. Training is being identified for commission, boards, and staff and a policy is being formulated to help direct our way of doing business

Public Art & Design Board: Laurent

- Work plan was discussed and voted upon. It was presented to council today.
- Work is ongoing identifying creative funding methods for the canopy at Union Station.
- Efforts to increase communication between AEC and PADB are ongoing. There are currently 23 active projects including percent for art, temporary public art, and community partnerships.

40th Anniversary/Medal of Arts Task Force: Chanda

40th- A calendar of special arts partner events is being compiled. Volunteers will be needed to serve as ambassadors and attend these events. November 29 is the actual anniversary date and will be commemorated with a party for current and former commissioners and staff.

MOA- This year is the 30th anniversary and a re-vamping is underway. More details to come.

PRGAB: Scott

Ribbon has been cut at Forest Ridge Park, 144 square miles!

Executive Committee: Gene

- CORAC and PADB work plans were presented to council and were well received. It was reported that Raleigh has become the Southern Capital of Arts & Culture! Recent wins in access and inclusion were highlighted.
- A hiring committee has been formed to take on the process of selecting a new Public Art Director. Arrington and Laurent will serve on the committee.

Executive Director Report: Sarah

- AFTA study on Arts & Economic Prosperity booklets were made available for distribution to council and community leaders.
- Ninety percent plans are in for Pullen Arts Center. Pullen will close for renovations on November 9. Eliza Kiser will help conduct pop up studios at various locations.
- New Communications Coordinator, Lizzie Newton, is on board!
- Innovate Raleigh Summit will take place November 9. A panel on Arts and Technology is being formed to take part in the summit.

Public Comments

Elizabeth Doran talked about NCT's "All In" project, which will work on the goal of having audiences reflect the entire population of Raleigh.

New/Other Business

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday the next meeting will be moved a week earlier to November 14.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chanda Second: Linda
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Submitted by Sandi Sullivan