

Raleigh Arts Commission (CORAC)
January 16, 2018
5:30 PM, NCMA

Present: Arrington Clark, Linda Dallas, Gene Davis (Chair), Laurent de Comarmond, Pam Hartley, Beth Khalifa, Andy Martin,

Absent: Chanda Branch (Vice-Chair), Moses T. Alexander Greene, Stan Williams, Shelley Winters

Staff: Sarah Powers, Executive Director, Office of Raleigh Arts
Sandi Sullivan, Administrative Specialist, Office of Raleigh Arts

Guests: Clodagh Lyons-Bastian, PRGAB Liaison

Call to Order

Chair, Gene Davis, called the meeting to order at 5:43 PM. Sarah introduced new Public Art Director, Kelly McChesney.

Approval of November Minutes

Motion to approve: Laurent Second: Arrington Unanimous

Committee/Board Reports

Art, Education & Collections: Arrington

Committee meeting cancelled in January due to weather. Will reconvene in February and Arrington will attend PADB on 01/30 as well. Moore Square temporary public art on construction fencing is now completely installed. Talks are underway with NCMA about a pop up flower exhibition arranged in trash cans throughout the city, as part of promotion for *Art in Bloom*.

Grants Committee: Sarah for Chanda

Seven new applicants this cycle! African American Cultural Festival, previously funded through another source, will be permitted to apply directly for an operating support grant. All commissioners were encouraged to attend grant interviews and learn more about the process. Arts partner events for January and February were highlighted.

Public Art & Design Board: Laurent

No meeting was held in December. The Board has actively been providing feedback to Vicki Scurri, artist for the Wade Ave. and Peace St. bridge projects. All are excited that Kelly, our new Public Art Director, has begun working with us.

Executive Committee: Gene

Naming rights locations have been finalized for Union Station. We are ready for implementation and beginning "the ask".

Medal of Arts Task Force: Gene

Attendance has dropped over the years. Work is being done to modernize and update both the nomination process and the awards ceremony. Award categories are being redefined. "Lifetime Achievement" will no longer be the only category. This year will be the 30th Anniversary of MOA.

PRGAB: Clodagh

Some fields are currently being rented out at Dix Park for temporary art installations. Pullen Park North is in progress!

Executive Director Report: Sarah

Today was Kelly's first day! Sertoma is busy with lots of programming. Pop up studios have been a great success.

Public Comments

None.

New/Other Business

Pam reported that Marbles will be hosting a mini festival and cultural celebration on opening night of **Black Panther**, in conjunction with the African American Cultural Festival.

Linda reported that *Envision St. Agnes* was a huge success and raised \$3500. The exhibition came down in Block Gallery on January 5 and is currently on display at NC Museum of History.

Sarah reported that our volunteer statistics tripled due to the OLEK mural project and Envision St. Agnes project.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Laurent Second: Andy

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Submitted by Sandi Sullivan