

CITY OF RALEIGH ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

August 21, 2018

5:30pm RMB 305

Present: Chair Chanda Branch, David Clegg, Laurent de Comarmond, Vice-Chair Moses T. Alexander Greene (by phone), Beth Khalifa, Andy Martin, Patty Williams, Shelley Winters

Absent: Natalie Bullock Brown, Arrington Clark, Pam Hartley, Bain Jones

Staff: Kelly McChesney, Public Art Director
Sarah Powers, Executive Director
Scott Payne, Assistant Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources
Sandi Sullivan, Office Manager

Call to Order

Chanda called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

Approval of Minutes July 17, 2018

Motion to approve: Patty **Second:** Shelley Unanimous.

Discussion Items

Workplan: The newly revised draft, complete with committee input was distributed and reviewed. Further feedback was provided. Any additional feedback can be sent to Sarah or Chanda via email. Sarah also shared a list of FY18 accomplishments for Arts that worked toward advancing the Raleigh Arts Plan. The workplan will be presented to Council on October 16 in conjunction with PADB's workplan.

Committee/Board Reports

Arts, Education & Collections Committee: Sarah for Arrington

- Call for artists for the storm water drain project just closed. Sarahlaine Calva was the artist chosen for the project.
- AEC workflow, specifically for CIPA projects, was discussed.
- Peach Road Community Center mural was completed.
- Committee members provided input on goals they wished to contribute to the CORAC work plan.

Grants Committee: Shelley

- A new grant category is being created that has a cap of \$15,000. This small program support grant will require a less complex application process.
- At the last Learning Community Meeting, members paired up and made presentations on what they had learned at the LEAD Conference in Atlanta.
- Arts Access, a Raleigh Arts Partner, provided 100% of the audio description at the LEAD Conference.
- Equity and More program will have 18 participants!
- As part of VAE's access and inclusion initiative, The Everyday, keynote speaker, Director of Programs on Disability, Art, Culture & Humanities at University of Illinois-Chicago, Carrie Sandahl, is giving a presentation at CAM on August 30. The Alamo Drafthouse will host a screening of the documentary, *Code of Freaks*. All commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Public Art & Design Board: Laurent

- *Banjostand* redesign and permanent installation has been approved. It will hang in the window behind Sir Walter at the Raleigh Convention Center suspended from the ceiling in mobile-like configuration.
- The workplan draft was reviewed.
- Methods for opening the RFQ process more to emerging artists were discussed.

- Jenn and Kelly have held 4 meetings the last 6 weeks to gather stakeholder input for the public art component of the Oberlin Rd Streetscape Project.
- Temporary pedestals were installed on Hillsborough Street. Ribbon cutting will be held this weekend. The terra cotta tiles for the permanent piers are on their way to Raleigh now.
- Public meeting for Biltmore Hills will be held this evening. The project is at 30% completion.

Equity Access and Inclusion Task Force: Moses is the new head of the taskforce and is currently working on training modules for CORAC, PADB, and staff. It was requested that if there were questions to contact Sarah Powers. Council member, Kay Crowder, has asked for training and specific definitions regarding more unified language.

Union Station Fundraising Committee: No report.

PRGAB Liaison: Scott

Sarah Powers and Kelly McChesney presented at the planning retreat. No other meeting was held.

Executive Committee: Chanda

New committees:

- Executive: Chanda Branch (chair), Moses T. Alexander Greene, Arrington Clark, Laurent de Comarmond, Shelley Winters.
- Arts, Education & Collections: Arrington Clark (chair), Beth Khalifa, Andy Martin, David Clegg.
- Grants: Shelley Winters (chair), Patty Williams, Natalie Bullock Brown.
- Public Art & Design Board: Laurent de Comarmond (liaison).
- Equity Access and Inclusion Task Force: Moses T. Alexander Greene (chair), Natalie Bullock Brown.
- Ad Hoc Union Station: Bain Jones (chair), Gene Davis, Linda Dallas (PADB), Jill Gammon, Clodagh Bastion (PRGAB).
- Bain Jones is reviewing the bylaws from legal standpoint.
- Arrington Clark for AEC and Laurent de Comarmond for PADB will work together on updating public art policy.

Executive Director Report: Sarah

- Eliza Kiser is the recipient of a national fellowship for developing the creating aging cohort and portraiture program. The award is for \$5K.
- Sensory Friendly Saturdays have expanded!
- The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation is offering a new grant opportunity for public art focused on equity.
- Council approved the acquisition of the Vernon Pratt donation today.
- They also approved the Together Raleigh bus shelter budget.

Public Comments: None

New/Other Business: None

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.