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MEETING MINUTES

Arts Council

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

6:45pm

Lorrain H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave, Room #4802

Members Present: Lisa Degliantoni, Co-Chair; Sergio Delos Reyes; Helen Axelrood; Fran Joy; Carole Bass; Gay Riseborough; Dino Robinson; Judith Cohen; Heidi Bloom; Dino Robinson

Members Absent: Nan Stein; Manuel Aleman; Greg Allen; Stephen Guenther

Staff Present: Jennifer Lasik, Cultural Art Coordinator; Jason Brown, Intern

Presiding Member: Lisa Degliantoni, Co-Chair

Declaration of Quorum

With a quorum present, Co-Chairman Lisa Degliantoni called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of date of previous meeting

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of Public Art September 9, 2014 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved with minor corrections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Relations: Ms. Joy informed of meeting at BLOCK and presentation by Susie in the theater was on the exhibit and new coming for 2015. The next event in January is pending, they will check with liaison on post to location. Ms. Lasik suggested the Mitchell Museum, Arts Council members expressed concern with the space and lack of chairs at the Mitchell Museum. Mr. Robinson Suggested the Frances Willard House. Ms. Joy explained the purpose of Cultural Connections to the Public Art members.

Arts & Business: Ms. Joy informed that the monthly meeting was held this morning rather than the first of the month as usual. They are working on "Art Under Glass" with 17 applications that will be judged and ranked, they are in the process of calling artists because they have more windows available like Evanston Gallery, Chicago/Davis corner. The Mayor will be present at the "Art Under Glass" Reception. The date for the Sherman Plaza Garage has been postponed to November 29th at 3:30pm it is the same day as the Tree Lighting and Shop Evanston. The Back Stage Evanston Subcommittee had lots of discussion and came up with a wish list of what it could look like for next year. They relooked at the mission & goals this morning and are working on restructuring of what they want it to be; {1} same as before with minor tweaking and the venue is in question {2} take it on a new direction and make it an outdoor festival event. Ms. Lasik clarified for Ms. Riseborough the reason for the event not happening this year: It has to be sustainable without staff resources and needs more volunteer involvement. The next meeting is to be determined; the committee will meet again with the working committee. Ms. Joy is concerned of patrols if it "Backstage Evanston" does become and outside event.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Lasik informed that she met with the city lawyers regarding Public Art and Arts Council merger and ordinance, they will prepare and have ready by the end of 2014. Ms. Lasik informed members who need reimbursement for Bright Nights must submit them without the sales tax. Bright Nights event is being wrapped up and Ms. Lasik informs that it was over budget by only \$600. Ms. Degliantoni mentioned that she has heard fantastic feedback & Ms. Joy suggested more pictures for next year's event. The Davis & Oak installation has started. Ms. Lasik also informed that Gina Speckman submitted the bid for the 2015 Arts Council to take place in Evanston. John Schrader the pro bono graphic artist finished his research and will be presenting in November.

Public Comments:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Art Committee and Merger: Covered under Staff Reports

2nd Ward Public Art at Darrow/Church subcommittee: Nothing to report

Big Fork business reflections: Only one artist opened Friday night with only two local artist and no local vendors. There were some Saturday night issues with vandalism and theft. Ms. Lasik informed that City manager has requested the criteria be established by Arts Council committee for they have to be the governing body for festival policy. Ms. Lasik suggested that members think of limits that should be in place. The concern was that it took away from local artists to participate in the events. Ms. Degliantoni suggested that a working group should be established in next meeting agenda and security should be considered in the policy.

Noyes Tenant Association Documents: Ms. Lasik informed that A.C. members they should closely review the new bi-laws and see if they are doable (specifically section 5) and think of what you want the relationship to be. Members need to speak before it passes or bylaws will be grandfathered involvement. Ms. Degliantoni sees the need for programing but not the involvement in tenant landlord issues, she would like a two week timeline and by November 7th to gather questions and comments

Cultural Fund Grant Application Review: Simplified the nonfunctional grant program specifically the fiscal funding. First two categories \$4,000, third category is new. They will be giving away \$25,000 in grants in the year 2015 with the approval of the City Council. All information will be online, art must take place in Evanston and members will need to review. Mr. Brown would like comments in the next two weeks to prepare for next meeting on November 18, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

Winter HeARTh Special Committee: Mr. Brown asked for volunteers for the subcommittee and Ms. Degliantoni, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Joy (Dependent on "Art Under Glass" volunteers) came forward to volunteer.

Art in the Wards: There will be an open discussion in 2015 with the Alderman and Arts Council to determine what they would like to see in their wards. There is a Rotary project in the works but discussion has been postponed.

I Love Evanston Trees: Three volunteers are needed to judge children's art entries; the date is still to be determined. Ms. Degliantoni, Ms. Joy, Mr. Robinson, & Mrs. Riseborough have volunteered to be judges.

Organization Liaisons-Cocodāco: Mr. Brown is in need of a liaison for Cocodāco.

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Mr. Brown is Ms. Lasik's new intern but it has been established that if committee members need anything they must go thru Ms. Lasik first and she will advise if Mr. Brown will assisting them.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved at 8:45pm, October 21, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Carmen Aguilar
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