



## **Evanston Arts Council Minutes**

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 2402

6:30 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Susan Davis Friedman, Beth Adler, Lisa Corrin, Steven Demorest, Judith Cohen, Greg Allen, Hope Washinushi

1. **Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum** - Ms. Davis Friedman  
Ms. Davis Friedman called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. There was no quorum established. Ms. Washinushi arrived at 6:49 p.m. Mr. Allen arrived at 7:20 p.m. and Ms. Davis Friedman declared a quorum.
2. **Public Comment** – Ms. Davis Friedman

A) Evanston Symphony Orchestra

Vince Flood, President of the Board of Directors requested \$900, slightly higher than the \$750 previously requested in a letter to the Arts Council. The funds will serve to pay for the Gospel Choir orchestration of Stand By Me and the Temptations' version of Silent Night.

The total concert cost is approximately \$30,000 of which donors and board will provide funding. There are 350 performers and about 1,150 people attend the show. The audience demographic is comprised of friends and relatives of performers, and seniors from Evanston.

B) Creative Commerce Committee (C3)

Sandeep Ghaey of C3 Evanston and member of Leadership Evanston discussed the development of the C3 board. C3 is a group of eight members whose goal is to leverage the arts and business communities together. They hold arts after hours events focused on different business topics. They are looking to develop an Evanston arts program calendar, profiles on existing businesses, a public art maps for visitors, and other community events for artists.

Mr. Ghaey requested \$1,200 from the Arts Council Neighborhood Fund.

At Mr. Demorest's inquiry, Mr. Ghaey explained that all various forms of art will be highlighted including visual, performing, musical and theater.

At Ms. Adler's inquiry, Mr. Ghaey explained that the funding will be used for web hosting, speaker fees and printing costs. C3 will provide a full report on how the funds were spent.

**3. Approval of the September 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes - Ms. Davis**

Friedman

Mr. Demorest moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 11, 2018, seconded by Ms. Adler.

Vote called and taken.

Ms. Washinushi and Ms. Corrin abstain.

Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Staff Report – Ms. Davis Friedman**

No report

Ms. Davis Friedman introduced the new Arts Council member Lisa Corrin, Director of the Block Museum.

**5. C3 Report - Ms. Davis Friedman**

No report.

**6. Public Art Subcommittee – Ms. Cohen**

Ms. Cohen reported that the South boulevard mural project has been postponed. Ms. Adler explained that there was no full approval of the design. She asked the Council to approve the design, contract and full approval from CTA. She noted that the design was approved by the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman as is.

Ald. Rue Simmons will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for the mural at Gibbs Morrison Cultural Center on Saturday, November 10, 2018. The time will be announced later.

Ms. Adler explained that she is part of a 5 person committee reviewing submissions for public art for the new Robert Crown Community Center. Approximately \$400,000 has been allotted for the art and there are currently 260 submissions. She will request a group of finalists to present to the Arts Council for approval of the final piece.

There was discussion about the funding allocated to include more than one piece of art. Mr. Demorest recalls discussions about integrating windows, floors and outside art. Ms. Adler will follow up with the Crown committee to discuss.

7. **Policy Working Group** – Ms. Davis Friedman

No report

8. **Old Business** - Ms. Davis Friedman

No report

9. **New Business** - Ms. Davis Friedman

A) The invites have been created for A Bright Night for the Arts. Hope to forward to Young Evanston Artists. Block Museum. Beth working with local artists on program, Mudlark ID play, Joerg Metzner – Picturing Evanston loop and introductions, Melissa Blount, EMAP murals and artists. Mayor will present award to Harvey and Greg and members of Arts Council that have left.

B) Ms. Adler moved to approve the South Blvd mural design, seconded by Mr. Demorest.

Vote called and taken.

Mr. Allen and Ms. Corrin abstain.

Motion carried unanimously.

C) Thank you to Ms. Degliantoni and Mr. Allen – Ms. Davis Friedman extended a thank you to each of the members for their time served on the Council.

D) Nomination and Appointment of Co-Chair - Ms. Cohen moved to recommend Beth Adler as the Arts Council co-chair, seconded by Mr. Allen.

Vote called and taken.

Ms. Adler abstains.

Motion carried unanimously.

E) Mr. Demorest moved to recommend approval of the Evanston Symphony Orchestra request in the amount of \$900, seconded by Ms. Adler.

Vote called and taken.

Motion carried unanimously.

F) Ms. Adler recommended holding the C3 funding request until the December meeting to ask for more clarity.

G) 2019 Evanston City Budget Discussion - Ms. Adler recommended the Council members contact their aldermen regarding the 2019 budget and arts funding. She also asked members to attend the October 27, 2018 City Council meeting in support of submitting a statement to reinstate Arts Council

funding for 2019. After discussion, the Council agreed to submit a response to the City Council to ask for a total of \$50,000 (\$30,000 Cultural Arts, \$10,000 Community Arts, \$10,000 Operating Budget). The members will also ask the City Council to cover the commitment made for sculpture leases for future years.

**10. Adjournment**

Ms. Cohen moved to recommend adjournment, seconded by Mr. Demorest. The meeting adjourned at 9:02pm