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Evanston Arts Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, 2404

Present: James Deeb, Toby Sachs (Vice-chair), Jamal Ahmad, Beth Adler (Chair), Chantal Healey, Maasai Amewa, William Jones, Indira Johnson, Judith Cohen, Gay Riseborough

Absent: Angela Williams, Lisa Corrin

Staff: Paulina Martínez, Assistant to the City Manager

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum
Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Public Comment
No Public comment

3. Approve Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2019
9-0-1 Dr. Ahmad abstained.

- 4. Consideration**
- A. Community Support Fund Request
 - 1. Family Focus – BOOM!

Ms. Carol Babrow introduced herself and explained her project is a collaboration between Family Focus and Northwestern University. She explained that the program was designed with the intention of having the boys in the after school programs involved in performing arts. BOOM! is a blend of coding and drumming exploration. The participants will get the opportunity to present their project at the end of the 10-week program. She is asking for \$1,000. NU professor, Dr. Michael Horn will be the instructor, and a young man from the community will assist.

Ms. Riseborough moved to approve. Ms. Adler seconded. Unanimously approval.

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B. Community Support Fund Guidelines

Ms. Adler asked if there was any feedback to the revised draft guidelines. Mr. Sachs suggested that the application mentioned the old and new names of the grant when asking about the grants received in the past.

Mr. Deeb added he wants to collect suggestions about the application process from the applicants when they fill out the final report.

Ms. Adler asked to replace “event” with “project” in step 4; add that funds cannot be used retroactively; add language that if applicants need longer to complete the project, to communicate with staff about it.

Mr. Sachs moved to approve. Mr. Deeb seconded. Unanimously approved.

C. Mayor’s Art Award

Mr. Sachs said the Arts Council is helping the Mayor make the final decision for the 2019 Mayor’s Art Award. He asked Arts Council members to individually make remarks about the nominated individuals and then organizations. Mr. Sachs also asked members to mark their top 3 selections of nominees in each category. Mr. Sachs mentioned that Ms. Adler withdrew her name from the nomination list.

Top 3 finalists:

Organizations

- Evanston Made
- Children’s Choir
- Open studio

Individuals

- Fran Joy
- Joanna Pinsky
- Bridget McDonough

Ms. Martínez mentioned that the top 3 nominees in each category will be shared with the mayor for a final decision.

D. *Emitting Waves* Repair Proposal

Ms. Martínez explained to the Arts Council original artists, Robert Smart, provided a proposal for consulting on the repairs of *Emitting Waves* for \$3,500. Ms. Adler suggested finding a local provider for a second opinion.

84 **Staff was directed to reach out to local providers to procure a second**
85 **quote.**

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87 E. *Ten Thousand Ripples* Repairs Proposal

88 Ms. Martínez reported a piece from the *10,000 Ripples* project is broken, and
89 original artists, Indira Johnson, provided a quote for \$250 to repair it.

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91 **Ms. Adler moved to approve. Ms. Riseborough seconded. Approved 9-0-1.**
92 **Ms. Johnson abstained.**

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94 5. Discussion

95 A. Bright Night Update

96 Ms. Adler said Ms. Richardson, Ms. Martínez and she met with The Block
97 Museum staff, who reported that over 100 RSVPs have been received.

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99 Ms. Adler asked for volunteers; Ms. Healey, Ms. Cohen, and Ms. Johnson
100 volunteered to help.

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102 B. 2020 Retreat

103 Ms. Adler and Mr. Sachs gave an overview of the 2019's retreat.

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105 Ms. Martínez will reach out to members with early March dates for 2020. Indira
106 might be gone.

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108 6. Communications

109 A. Chairs Report

110 No report

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112 B. Public Art Subcommittee Report

113 Ms. Riseborough said the Subcommittee is considering various project's for
114 2020.

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1. Robert Crown Artist Visit

116 Ms. Adler said Blessing Hancock came to Evanston and visited the after school
117 program at the Robert Crown Community Center, the Main branch of the Library,
118 and the Flea Market at Robert Crown Community Center.

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120 C. Equity in the Arts Subcommittee Report

121 No report.

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123 D. Staff Report

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126 8. Adjournment

127 Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.