



**COMMUNITY ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 6:30 PM, Zoom
MINUTES**

Call to Order A quorum was convened at 6:36PM.

X Commission Chair, Barbara Hughes

Ward I

X Jane Tracy

— Vacant

Ward II

— Nan Kulkarni

X Bill Schawacker

Ward III

— Mary Beth Wilson

X Michelle Francisco

Ward IV

X David Murphy

— Vacant

At Large

— Vacant

— Vacant

Staff Liaison: Catie Ward

Approval of Minutes:

December 9 – Michelle moved for approval, seconded by David and unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Bedtime Stories

- a. Alderman Hughes briefly shared her conversation with Alderman Wiesehan and Mari de Villa volunteering to read three more stories
- b. Catie shared her conversation with the United States Copyright Office
- c. Michelle asked about timeline of when to promote and whether or not we are asking the aldermen to promote it in their newsletters
 - i. Bill asked for David to help guide the facilities for the production of the videos as well as to review the final product. Members are comfortable with David making the decision on the quality of the video and when it is ready to promote.
 - ii. Alderman Hughes stated that she would reach out to the alderman about including the activity in their newsletters.

2. Priority List

- a. Jane explained her art proposal as she would like to see more public art in our city.
 - i. Bill agreed with Jane and shared his thoughts on Town & Country having a sculpture park or some sort of art collection (paintings, sculptures, etc.). Bill mentioned that he knows of some facilities that have art in storage that we may be able to lease for a decent price.
 - ii. Jane & Michelle mentioned that the commission needs to take into consideration the location, cost and timeline from start to finish to either acquiring art or leasing art. Alderman Hughes stated that she would reach out to the Board of Alderman to discuss adding a line item in the budget for public art specifically.

- iii. David asked Bill about the process for the decision and selection of the artist and sculpture of Discovery. Bill briefly discussed the process, stated it was successful and suggests we follow the same process for future public art.
- b. David reviewed his scavenger hunt ideas and volunteered to continue to work on logistics. Bill offered to assist David with the logistics and Jane will share her ideas on how to incorporate local businesses.
 - i. Members will vote on their top 8 (of 12) activities for the scavenger hunt.

3. Resident Survey

- a. Alderman Hughes asked for thoughts on whether or not to survey the community. Members agreed that it would be a good idea.
 - i. Michelle asked how we would go about reaching out to the community. Michelle brought up the idea of sending out mailers but understands that would be a cost as well as it might be accidentally tossed with the amounts of mail people receive. Catie stated that we can promote it on the City website, in the Town & Country Times, in the Parks & Recreation Newsletter, through Notify Me and at the Community Art & Culture Commission booth at City events.
- b. Jane volunteered to work with Alderman Hughes in developing questions for the questionnaire.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Concert Series

- a. Catie gave a brief update on dates and times for 2021 concerts.
- b. Bill expressed health concerns and thinks that the events will not take place.
 - i. Members expressed to Bill that we are planning the event so everything is ready to go in the case that St. Louis County says that it is safe to host the events.
- c. Michelle offered to help Catie with the outreach to bands.

OTHER

Alderman Hughes thanked the artist, Jacob Burmood, and everyone that attended the sculpture installation for Depth of Form.

Next Meeting Date: February 10 at 6:30PM on Zoom

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