



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Commission on Cultural Affairs

Monday, June 10, 2019

4:30 PM

Regular

Walton Building
Community Room
300 S. Providence

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vianello called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Staff Present: Sarah Dresser, Elise Buchheit and Kristina Wolf

Guests Present: Rochara Knight (Talking Horse Productions), Jon Poses ("We Always Swing" Jazz Series), Wende Wagner & Robert Wells (University Concert Series), Mindy Duncan (Mo. Contemporary Ballet), Jody Miteri (Ragtag Film Society), and Kimberly Dent (Choral Arts Alliance of Missouri)

Present: 9 - Tammy Brewer, Nick Kenny, Lili Vianello, Ellen Rippeto, Alan Toigo, Natalie Thomas, Jane Church, Wendy Moore and Kristin Gadsden

Excused: 3 - Carol Schmitz, Phong Nguyen and James Melton

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Commission Members, Staff and Guests introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Rippeto; seconded by Kenny; motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 13, 2019 Minutes

Attachments: [5.13.19 Draft Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the May 13, 2019 minutes made by Moore; seconded by Kenny; motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Small Request

India Cultural Center of Columbia is requesting \$500 for their project, "Classical Dance and Music from India". Project start date is 6/1/19 and will end 6/30/19.

The current balance of funding is \$1,275.00. Remaining balance after funding the India Cultural Center of Columbia will be \$775.00

Motion to accept the \$500 small request made by Thomas, seconded by Church; motion carried.

VII. REPORTS

COMMISSION

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

Standing Committee on Public Arts Update

CPD Percent for Art

At the City Council meeting held May 20, 2019, City Council approved the design proposal by Beth Nybeck for the Molly Bowden Neighborhood Policing Center. The artist can now get to work on fabrication. Beth has communicated with staff that she plans to visit Columbia later in the summer to meet with community members for the written text component of the sculpture.

Columbia Sports Fieldhouse

David Spear is over 50% complete with his artwork for the Columbia Sports Fieldhouse. He is working with Parks & Recreation staff as the building nears completion. The Sports Fieldhouse is scheduled to open in August.

STAFF

Columbia Arts Fund Update

Current balance is \$256,397.92

The Columbia Arts Fund Advisory Committee has a meeting scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2019.

Celebration of the Arts Update

Buchheit gave updates about the upcoming Celebration of the Arts to be held on August 29 at Atrium on 10th Street. Hosts for this year's Celebration are John and Vicki Ott. The artist for the poster is Kate Gray.

Status of FY19 Funding

Unbound Book Festival and Choral Arts Alliance both have final reports due for FY19 funding. Unbound Book Festival is past due, and they have been reminded to submit their final report before the second 45-day submission period.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

OCA Calendar

OCA Calendar and upcoming events in the community were discussed as well as events

that Commissioners have experienced within the last month.

Upcoming Events and What have you seen/experienced in Columbia?

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Other

None.

IX. FUNDING APPLICATIONS (To begin at 5:15 p.m.)

Explanation of Process

As each applicant summary is introduced in reverse alpha order by organization representatives present, staff will state the agency's name, title of the project, amount requested, conflicts of interest, and stipulations if funded, along with the average score (after dropping highest and lowest). Discussion may be introduced on each application. If organization has provided a written response to OCA staff about any factually inaccurate evaluation comments, staff will share the response prior to any discussion.

If there is a conflict of interest, that Commissioner will abstain from discussion while the application is reviewed, but remain in the room.

Discussion should focus on the application, not the agency, and the guidelines and criteria of the funding program.

If a Commissioner wishes to change a score, they should do so once the discussion on that application occurs. Once we have reviewed all applications, Commissioners can turn their score changes in to Kristina.

After all applications are reviewed, staff will make any changes to the scores and refigure the ranking (after the meeting).

At the conclusion of tonight's meeting, no more changes can be made to scores. At the July meeting, the Commission will accept the finalized scores and rankings.

Any application receiving a combined score of 59 or less, will not be funded; currently all applications are scoring above that.

Special note to organization representatives: Although comments from the organizations will not occur at this meeting, applicants had the opportunity to give feedback to staff after receiving the evaluation comments last week. Representatives present may be asked a question to clarify a point of their application; however, there will not be a dialogue at this time.

Available Funds

Dresser stated that while the dollar amount for allocation has not been finalized at this time, the budget request of \$100,000 for FY20 annual arts funding received approval from the City Manager at OCA's budget meeting in May (this does not include the amount that will be distributed from the CAF). It was emphasized that recommended funding levels will be considered preliminary until the City's budget as a whole is approved in September by City Council. In addition, \$3,000 has been budgeted for Small Request funding in FY20. Pending the CAF Advisory Committee decision, there will be an additional \$9,780 from the fund.

Review of Applications

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the applications and gave justifications for their scoring and comments. The Commissioners provided constructive criticism and positive feedback to the representatives that were present from each organization.

The following summary was presented as each application was discussed:

Boone County Historical Society

Project Name: Boone County Historical Society: Music, Art, History & Education Exhibitions; Oct 2019 - Sept 2020

Description: seven art exhibits, outreach to schools with Traveling Trunk program, three major history exhibits, six concerts (Blind Boone Concert Series) and monthly meet the author book talks.

Stipulations: Provide finalized schedule for projects (concert series and Meet the Author). Provide documentations from schools for Traveling Truck when known.

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** None.

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 12
- Average Score: 94.22

Choral Arts Alliance of Missouri

Project Name: Choral Arts Alliance of Missouri 2019-20 Season

Description: choral concerts and outreach shows, two workshops, and educational programming.

Stipulations: Provide venue information for March concert.

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** James Melton

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 6
- Average Score: 95.25

Columbia Art League

Project Name: Art in the Park 2020

Description: fine arts and fine crafts festival

Stipulations: None

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** Wendy Moore, Phong Nguyen, and Ellen Rippeto

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 6

- Average Score: 96.17

Columbia Civic Orchestra

Project Name: Series of Five Concerts

Description: series of five concerts

Stipulations: Provide finalized dates of all concerts.

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** None.

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 10
- Average Score: 94.11

Columbia Community Band

Project Name: Columbia Community Band 2020 Concert Season

Description: present seven free symphony band concerts for the Columbia, Missouri community.

Stipulations: Provide finalized dates of all concerts.

Request: \$3,330 | **Conflict of Interest:** None.

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 10
- Average Score: 94.67

Columbia Entertainment Company

Project Name: Columbia Entertainment Company's 41st Season

Description: present five, live theatrical productions featuring community cast and crew members.

Stipulations: None

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** None.

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 10
- Average Score: 95.33

Columbia Handbell Ensemble

Project Name: Columbia Handbell Ensemble 31st Annual Concert Season

Description: will provide five concerts as well as hands-on education experiences to promote musical artistry and excellence through the medium of handbells

Stipulations: None

Request: \$1,140 | **Conflict of Interest:** None.

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 6
- Average Score: 90.78

GreenHouse Theatre Project

Project Name: GreenHouse Theatre Project 2020 Season

Description: two main stage productions and several smaller performance collaborations

Stipulations: Provide finalized dates and venues

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** None.

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 15
- Average Score: 90.67

Jabberwocky Studios

Project Name: Jabberwocky 2020 Education and Outreach

Description: in-studio programming in dance, music, poetry and visual art; special programs including outreach activities; Work Learn programs; and Africa Fest 2020

Stipulations: None.

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** Alan Toigo

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 5
- Average Score: 97.88

Jazz Forward Initiative, Inc.

Project Name: 2020 Mo Jazz Music Festival

Description: presentation of one-day music festival, free and open to the public

Stipulations: None.

Request: \$2,000 | **Conflict of Interest:** None.

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 19
- Average Score: 82.33

Maplewood Barn Association

Project Name: Maplewood Barn Theater, Annual Season

Description: five live, stage shows in Nifong Park, 36 half-hour radio broadcasts of old-time radio scripts from the 1930s-1950s, and outreach activities throughout the community.

Stipulations: Provide dates for productions.

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** None.

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 12
- Average Score: 91.89

Mid-Missouri Traditional Dancers

Project Name: Bi-Weekly Contra Dances and Adventure Club Dance Series

Description: presentation of bi-weekly contra dances, and the Adventure Club Dance Series.

Stipulations: None.

Request: \$2,665 | **Conflict of Interest:** None.

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 8
- Average Score: 91.11

Missouri Contemporary Ballet

Project Name: 2019-20 MCB Dance Performance and Education Project

Description: live dance performances (four productions), a choreographic installation, and four interactive lecture-demonstrations.

Stipulations: None.

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** Alan Toigo

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 4
- Average Score: 97.88

Missouri Symphony Society

Project Name: 2020 Hot Summer Nights Music Festival and 2019-20 Missouri Symphony Conservatory

Description: year-long music conservatory for students in grades 1-12, a summer music camp, and Hot Summer Nights (20 concerts in five weeks) that includes free community concerts.

Stipulations: Provide dates for Hot Summer Nights festival.

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** Nick Kenny

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 6
- Average Score: 96.25

North Village Arts District

Project Name: First Fridays in the North Village Arts District

Description: free monthly event that occurs the first Friday of every month in the North Village Arts District that provides an opportunity for visitors of all ages and interests to walk the area, learn about art and visit with artists.

Stipulations: None

Request: \$3,408 | **Conflict of Interest:** None.

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 12
- Average Score: 92

Odyssey Chamber Music Series

Project Name: Odyssey Chamber Music Series, Season 16

Description: chamber music series (8 public concerts) and 6 outreach concerts (free and open to the public)

Stipulations: None

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** James Melton

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 5
- Average Score: 98

Orr Street Studios Artist Guild

Project Name: Programing for Orr St. Studios

Description: gallery shows, presentation of Seeing Visions/Hearing Voices, and Second Saturday for Kids

Stipulations: None

Request: \$5,000 | **Conflict of Interest:** Phong Nguyen

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 12
- Average Score: 88.75

PACE - Performing Arts in Children's Education

Project Name: 16th Annual PACE Season

Description: three theatrical productions

Stipulations: None.

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** None.

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 9
- Average Score: 89.22

Ragtag Film Society

Project Name: True/False Film Fest and Ragtag Cinema

Description: four-day festival celebrating new and nontraditional, nonfiction filmmaking, bringing national and international filmmakers to Columbia, and offers a weekend of films, director Q&A's, installation art, music, and events, featuring 150 screenings of 60 nonfiction films; and presentation of Ragtag's four annual specialty series.

Stipulations: Provide dates for annual specialty series screenings when known.

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** James Melton, Phong Nguyen

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 1
- Average Score: 99.86

Resident Arts

Project Name: 2020 Core Programs

Description: After-school Teen Artist Residency program, Emerging Artist Residency, Professional Development Workshop Series, and Exhibitions

Stipulations: None

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** Phong Nguyen

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 8
- Average Score: 94.13

School of Service (dba Access Arts)**Project Name:** Inclusive Community**Description:** ongoing programming to provide multiple opportunities for underserved populations in Columbia, including year-long collaborations with service organizations, week-long summer camps, and one-day workshops. Includes education in ceramics, fibers, drawing, and mixed media.**Stipulations:** None.**Request:** \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** None**Score Summary:** (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 5
- Average Score: 97.67

Talking Horse Productions**Project Name:** Talking Horse Productions: 2019-2020 Theatre Season**Description:** six main theatrical productions, one touring children's production, and the Starting Gate New Play Festival.**Stipulations:** Provide documentation from schools for touring production when known.**Request:** \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** Lili Vianello**Score Summary:** (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 8
- Average Score: 95.5

The Columbia Book Festival, Inc.**Project Name:** Unbound Book Festival 2020**Description:** fifth annual book festival presenting nationally-recognized and best-selling authors of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and children's literature; programming includes readings, interviews, panels, and other book-related activities; free and open to the public.**Stipulations:** Finalize key personnel.**Request:** \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** Wendy Moore, Phong Nguyen, and Ellen Rippeto**Score Summary:** (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 7
- Average Score: 96.5

The Missouri Review**Project Name:** The Missouri Review: Access to Contemporary Literature and Writers**Description:** three free public literature events in the Columbia community**Stipulations:** Provide finalized dates and venues for public events.**Request:** \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** Phong Nguyen, Alan Toigo**Score Summary:** (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 8

- Average Score: 96.86

Theater Reaching Young People and Schools (TRYPS)

Project Name: 2020 Season, Education & Outreach

Description: four theatrical productions, an education series and outreach activities.

Stipulations: None.

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** None.

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 6
- Average Score: 98.22

University Concert Series

Project Name: University Concert Series 2019-2020 Season

Description: season of performances, including 25 performances in total

Stipulations: Provide finalized schedule of shows

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** Alan Toigo, Lili Vianello

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 10
- Average Score: 93.86

"We Always Swing" Jazz Series

Project Name: "We Always Swing" Jazz Series: Season No. 25

Description: season of performances with an array of the finest jazz artists in the world, coupled with in-school and community-oriented programs

Stipulations: None.

Request: \$7,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** Nick Kenny, James Melton

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 5
- Average Score: 96.43

Wontanara, Inc.

Project Name: CoMo African Dance and Percussion Celebration

Description: one-day event offering classes to all ages and levels and a performance; workshops with elementary school students the weeks leading up to the Celebration

Stipulations: None.

Request: \$3,500 | **Conflict of Interest:** James Melton, Phong Nguyen

Score Summary: (after dropping highest and lowest)

- Range of Scores: 8
- Average Score: 86.71

Finalize Scores

The Commission members made final discussions. Vianello noted that no more changes

could be made upon completion of the discussions. Commissioners turned in their packets to staff, who will update the finalized scores and subsequent ranking. The Commission will vote on the finalized scores and rankings at the July 8, 2019 meeting. Staff will be using the new formula to determine funding levels this week and the Commissioners will be given the results by early next week. The Formula used is: Amount Requested x total average score (dropping high & low) x adjusting percentage (available funding/request total). For the top three scoring applications at or above 95%, a bonus award of \$500 will be allocated.

Letters will be mailed listing the funding levels will be sent after the public hearing meeting in July, along with individualized packets of Commissioner scores and comments. Vianello announced that audience members are welcome to attend the July Commission meeting and exercise their opportunity to address the Commission about the funding process.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

July 8, 2019 at 4:30 p.m., Walton Building Community Room, 300 S. Providence
(Funding discussions will begin at 5:15 p.m.)

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Toigo, seconded by Moore motion carried at 7:18 p.m.