



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Commission on Cultural Affairs

Monday, July 10, 2023

4:30 PM

Regular

City Hall
701 E Broadway
Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

Staff present: Sarah Dresser and Andrea Jira.

Present: 8 - James Melton, David Spear, Frances Lakatos, Kathleen Murphy, Cameron Dorth, Keondre Harrison, Jim Little and Molly Froidl

Excused: 3 - Natalie Thomas, Kristin Gadsden and Lee Ann Garrison

II. INTRODUCTIONS

New commissioner Molly Froidl was introduced to the Commissioners

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Murphy, seconded by Melton; motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from June 12, 2023

Attachments: [6.12.23 Draft Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the June 12, 2023 minutes made by Melton, seconded by Murphy; motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Small Requests

Small Requests: The Office of Cultural Affairs received two small requests from Odyssey Chamber Music Series for concerts occurring before the end of this fiscal year (September 30, 2023). The current small request balance is \$1,500. Guidelines state that organizations can have up to two small requests funded each fiscal year; and these are Odyssey Chamber Music Series first submissions.

Summary of requests: The first request for \$500 is for a project titled "Summer Music with Intercultural Music Initiative (IMI) Chamber Players." The event will take place on Aug. 18 at First Baptist Church. Funds will be used to support the IMI musicians from St. Louis, as well as 2-3 local musicians, in presenting a diverse concert of living and/or under-represented composers from various countries.

The second request for \$500 is for the First Baptist Church Bicentennial concert to be

held on Sept. 22, 2023. City funds will be used to cover the cost of hiring the musicians to accompany the celebratory musical program, which offers free admission as well as livestream. The musical program is a collaboration and will celebrate the 200th anniversary of Columbia's very first church.

Motion to approve both requests at the \$500 level made by Melton, seconded by Lakatos; motion carried.

VII. REPORTS

Commission

Secretary's Report

There was no secretary's report

Standing Committee on Public Art

Dresser reported that Tyler Kimball plans to install the sculpture at Fire Station No. 11 next week.

Staff

Columbia Arts Fund Update

Dresser reported that the current balance of the Columbia Arts Fund is \$334,984.67

Celebration of the Arts

Staff member Jira reported that the planning is underway. The event will take place at the Columbia Regional Airport on Wednesday, August 23. Jenny McGee is the commemorative poster artist and the staff has secured nearly \$12,000 in sponsorships thus far.

Agency Assistance

Dresser reported that she is still working to plan a "board school" for arts organizations this fall.

Status of FY23 Funding

Dresser reported that this month we have two final reports due from University Concert Series and Columbia Art League.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

The commissioners discussed the idea proposed by David Wilson and will form a sub-committee to further discuss additional funding.

IX. FY24 ANNUAL ARTS FUNDING (to begin at 5:15 p.m.)

Ratify Scores and Finalize Funding Levels

Commissioners had the opportunity to change any scores during the June meeting. Dresser received those changes and updated the scores, which have been presented today. Based on the total average score and funding available, funding levels for each applicant have been calculated.

Approve Stipulations

Boone County Historical Society - Stipulations: Provide finalized schedule.

Columbia Community Band - Stipulations: Provide finalized dates and venues for all concerts.

Columbia Entertainment Company - Stipulations: Provide finalized dates for all productions.

GreenHouse Theatre Project - Stipulations: Provide finalized dates and venues.

Jabberwocky Studios - Stipulations: Provide finalized schedule of programs and date/venue for Arms Wide Open Celebration.

Maplewood Barn Association - Stipulations: Provide dates for productions.

Mareck Center for Dance - Stipulations: Provide date and venue for June 2024 performance.

Missouri Dance Organization - Stipulation: Provide information about public performances.

Odyssey Chamber Music Series - Stipulations: Provide full schedule of programming.

Orr Street Studios Artists Guild - Stipulations: Provide full schedule of programming.

Talking Horse Productions - Stipulations: Provide dates and documentation from schools for touring production when known.

The Curators of the University of Missouri - Stipulations: Provide final schedule of performances.

The Missouri Symphony - Stipulations: Provide final schedule of performances.

Theater Reaching Young People & Schools - Stipulations: Provide schedule for programs.

Vidwest - Stipulations: Provide schedule for workshops.

"We Always Swing" Jazz Series - Stipulations: Provide schedule of performances.

Motion to approve scores, finalize funding levels, and all stipulations made by Melton, seconded by Murphy. Roll call vote - motion carried.

Yes: 8 - Melton, Spear, Lakatos, Murphy, Dorth, Harrison, Little and Froidl

Excused: 4 - Thomas, Gadsden, Hammen and Garrison

Public Hearing (comments on funding process will be taken from individuals [3 minutes] and organizational representatives [5 minutes])

Arts agency representatives in attendance: Chris Campbell with the Boone History & Culture Center, Matt Schacht with Vidwest, and Jon Poses with We Always Swing Jazz Series. Guests made remarks thanking the Commission for the continued funding and the effort they put in to review applications.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

If there are items to discuss the commission will next meet on August 14; if there is nothing to discuss the commission will not meet and are encouraged to assist and attend the Celebration of the Arts.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Melton, seconded by Lakatos; motion carried.

