



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Commission on Cultural Affairs

Monday, December 4, 2023
4:15 PM

Arts Funding Subcommittee

Conference Room 1C
City Hall
701 E Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

David called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

David Wilson joined as a guest

Introductions were made

Present: 5 - James Melton, Kristin Gadsden, Lee Ann Garrison, David Spear and Diana Moxon

Absent: 7 - Cameron Dorth, Keondre Harrison, Jim Little, Molly Froidl, Linda Helmick, Stacey Thompson and Kathleen Murphy

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Are there different funding sources available? as an eg. from the Convention and Visitors Bureau?

There was discussion on the current budget

Arts income is recognized in the city budget

David Wilson: 1. need to adjust for inflation 2. adjust for population increase 3. increase in arts organizations applying for funding

During 2015 to now flat increases in funding.

Has anyone asked for an increase in the budget?

It has been over 10 years since there has been a budget increase.

The committee reviewed the OCA funding since 1992.

The sub-committee constructed a letter requesting an increase in funding to be approved by whole commission on Dec. 11. After approved it will be sent to City Council and CMO.

Main concern: Total arts funding is less than 1/10 of 1% of general fund.

The letter needs tweaking but will be ready to be presented at the Dec. 11 commission meeting.

Another talking point to emphasize: the stats from the AEP6 study and the organizations included are non-profit so the total economic impact to the city of Columbia does not include the for-profit businesses so the economic impact is actually higher than stated in the surveys.

History of City Arts Funding

History of funding since 1992 was reviewed and discussed.

Correspondence to City Council

The sub-committee drafted a letter to request additional funding. This letter will be presented to the full commission on Monday, Dec. 11. The need to emphasize

that the AEP6 economic impact does not include the for-profit arts orgs so technically, the impact is higher than the AEP6 study.

VII. REPORTS

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

David Wilson provided many statistics to use in the letter.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

X. ADJOURNMENT

Called to adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

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