



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Commission on Cultural Affairs

Monday, March 11, 2024
4:15 PM

Regular

City Hall
701 E Broadway
Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Staff present: Sarah Dresser

Present: 7 - James Melton, Lee Ann Garrison, David Spear, Cameron Dorth, Linda Helmick, Diana Moxon and Kathleen Murphy

Excused: 4 - Kristin Gadsden, Jim Little, Molly Froidl and Stacey Thompson

Unexcused: 1 - Keondre Harrison

II. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Moxon, seconded by Murphy; motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from February 12, 2024

Attachments: [2.12.24 Draft Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the minutes from February 12, 2024 made by Murphy, seconded by Garrison; motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Small Request Funding Applications

Dresser reported that OCA received two small requests from Odyssey Chamber Music Series and another from "We Always Swing" Jazz Series. Organizations can have two requests funded per year. Our current balance is \$2,000.

Odyssey Chamber Music Series is requesting \$500 in funds for its concert on April 20 titled "Quartets with Scott Yoo and Friends" at First Baptist Church. This concert was not included in the schedule and annual funding request for FY24 because the organization did not know if the musician would be able to travel this year to perform. OCA funds would be used to help cover costs of marketing the event.

"We Always Swing" Jazz Series is requesting \$500 in funds for a project titled "The Perfect (Artistic) Storm." In conjunction with MU College of Arts and Science's 2024 Symposium "Afro-Cuban Legacies" (April 10-12), the Jazz Series is planning its annual Dr. Carlos Perez-Mesa Memorial Concert to feature the Arturo O'Farrill quintet. There is an opportunity for the artist Arturo O'Farrill and his son Zack O'Farrill to participate in a panel discussion on April 11, which is part of the symposium, in the early afternoon on the day of the concert. This requires the artist to travel a day earlier than originally planned, and the funds would assist in paying for this extra night of accommodations. The funds will also be used to split the artist fee (absorbed by the Jazz Series) to ensure the group's participation in the Symposium.

Motion to recommend both small funding requests at \$500 each made by Murphy, seconded by Garrison; motion carried.

Proposal for Accepting Gifts of Works of Art

Dresser shared with the Commission the second part of the proposal for sculptures for Clary-Shy Community Park. The group previously recommended the praying mantis sculpture at its January meeting. There are three new additions - a series of five ladybugs, a bee and a butterfly for consideration. All created by artist Stephen Feilbach. City staff and the Center for Urban Agriculture staff have meet to determine the best locations for these installations. The artist is in the process of getting final sponsors/owners for each of the sculptures. Once those individuals (or businesses) are determined, agreements for display will be taken to City Council. Today, the Commission should make a recommendation on accepting these additional sculptures for the park.

Melton had a question about the maintenance on the sculptures to be installed on the wood pergola. Murphy stated that the sculptures will add interest to the park. Dorth commented that she had spoken about this with the director of the Farmer's Market who shared that she had not been looped into the progress of the project; staff stated they would make sure that organization is aware of this project going forward.

Motion to recommend these sculptures move forward with agreements for display to City Council made by Garrison, seconded by Helmick; motion carried.

Artist Nick Cave recognition or program discussion

Moxon discussed an idea she shared at a previous meeting about finding a way to recognize renowned contemporary visual artist Nick Cave, who moved to Columbia at age 12 and graduated from Hickman High School. She suggested the first step would be to get buy-in from the City management and Mayor. Diana suggested putting together a letter with background and a request to pursue the idea further.

Others commented on possibilities for a program that could involve local partners such as Columbia Public Schools, the University's School of Visual Studies, and possibly other collaborators. Nick Cave also recently presented a lecture at Westminster College in Fulton; Dorth stated she could inquiry to the costs associated with bringing him in for that event.

Melton also asked if there are any other protocols that the City currently has for recognizing individuals (both local or non-local). Dresser said she would look into this.

Motion for Diana to draft a letter made by Melton, seconded by Murphy; motion carried.

VII. REPORTS

Commission

Secretary's Report

Gadsden, who could not be in attendance today, drafted letters to Dr. Taylor Sirois and artist Stephen Feilbach for their contributions to the public art to go in Clary-Shy Community Park. Dresser passed the letters for Commissioner signatures.

Staff

Columbia Arts Fund Update

Dresser reported that the current balance in the fund is \$348,767.67.

FY25 Grant Funding Applications

Dresser reported that OCA has opened applications for FY25 grant funding. There were a few changes made based on the recommendations of the Funding Process Subcommittee.

Public Art License Program

Dresser stated that after restructuring the changes for the Traffic Box Art program, there has also been a slight rebrand to now call it the "Public Art License Program." Since we would license the artwork received to be installed on the traffic box, there was a decision to rebrand for a broader use - so that artwork could potentially be installed on other public surfaces such as bus shelters, doors, barricades, etc. The top priority will be to address the traffic boxes, and information on potential other uses is listed in the application form.

The current call for artists has opened this week with an initial deadline of April 19, 2024.

Moxon asked a question about how long the term would be for licensing the work. Dresser stated she would look back at the drafted license agreement created by the Law Department.

Celebration of the Arts

Dresser stated that Andrea has been working to recruit committee members for this year's Celebration of the Arts event. The first meeting will be held in early April. Please let us know if you are interested in serving on the event planning committee.

Agency Assistance

Dresser reported that no events are currently planned. Staff is available should any organization need consultation on its FY25 grant application.

Status of FY24 Funding

Dresser reported that there are currently no final reports due. We did receive notice from the Missouri Dance Organization that they are putting a pause on all events and not planning to hold its funded program this summer. OCA staff has given them instructions on how they can return the funding to the City.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

April 8, 2024.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:17 p.m. made by Melton, seconded by Moxon; motion

carried.