



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Columbia Arts Fund Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

2:00 PM

Regular

City Hall
Room 1C
701 E Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Melton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Staff Present: Sarah Dresser and Andrea Jira.

Present: 5 - James Melton, Sarah Dresser, David Spear, Diana Moxon and Kathleen Murphy

II. INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from April 4, 2023 made by Murphy, seconded by Moxon; motion carried.

Minutes from April 4, 2023

Attachments: [4.4.23 Draft Minutes](#)

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation of funding distribution for FY25

Discussion of the process of making the annual distribution recommendation. Dresser consulted with the Community Foundation on the total the fund would be able to allocate this calendar year, with the maximum being \$16,856. This number is based on the interest income from the previous calendar year. Our current balance in the fund as of the meeting date is \$355,207.54.

Discussion regarding how the funding process will work if additional funds are provided by City Council.

A motion was made by to distribute \$16,500 from the Columbia Arts Fund for 2024 made by Moxon, seconded by Murphy; motion carried.

Fundraising plans

The Committee discussed fundraising activities throughout the year which includes the Celebration of the Arts and CoMoGives. Last year the Celebration netted a little over \$15,000 and CoMoGives around \$2100. Dresser mentioned that pre-Covid, the committee had discussed ideas for a larger endowment campaign, but since the pandemic has held back on initiating such a campaign as many local organizations are trying to raise and maintain their own funds to continue to operate. The committee discussed that it still does not feel like the time to begin such a campaign, and focusing on the annual activities with the Celebration and CoMoGives is suitable for the moment. If the Office of Cultural Affairs has increased core funding in its City budget in future years, the committee may look at different strategies for both raising funds as well as making distributions from CAF.

Dresser also stated that since the Community Foundation of Central Missouri has a new Executive Director, she plans to meet with him to get him up to speed as well as ask if he has any insights for growth of the fund. Murphy mentioned that estate giving could be an untapped resource. The committee also suggested that inviting the new executive director to a future meeting would be beneficial.

VII. REPORTS

None.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting will be a this time next year, unless needed otherwise.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. made by Murphy, seconded by Moxon; motion carried.