



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes

### Commission on Cultural Affairs

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Monday, December 11, 2023  
4:15 PM

Regular

City Hall  
701 E Broadway  
Council Chambers

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Spear.

Staff present: Sarah Dresser and Andrea Jira

**Present:** 11 - James Melton, Kristin Gadsden, Lee Ann Garrison, David Spear, Cameron Dorth, Keondre Harrison, Jim Little, Molly Froidl, Linda Helmick, Diana Moxon and Stacey Thompson

**Excused:** 1 - Kathleen Murphy

#### II. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made; Guests were: Valentina Pasau, Adrianna Kidwell, and Sophia Pomveny

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion to approve the agenda made by Garrison, seconded by Melton; motion carried.**

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion to approve the minutes from the Nov. 13, 2023 meeting made by Garrison, seconded by Gadsden; motion carried.**

Minutes from November 13, 2023

**Attachments:** [11.13.23 Draft Minutes](#)

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

##### Arts Funding Sub-Committee

Dresser provided a summary of the Arts Funding Sub-Committee meeting that took place on Dec. 4, 2023. The committee drafted a letter to be presented to the full commission that will go on to City Council in January. A print out of the letter was provided..Diana Moxon also created a letter based on the initial draft, which was reviewed and discussed. The commission approved Diana's letter with approved changes.

**Motion to send drafted correspondence to City Council at the next available meeting with approved changes made by Melton, seconded by Garrison; motion carried.**

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

##### Columbia Arts Fund Advisory Committee

Columbia Arts Fund Advisory Committee: With Changing membership on the

Commission, there needs to be an update to the representatives on the Columbia Arts Fund Advisory Committee. The group meets at least once per year to determine the distribution amount for the Fund; and meets as needed for any other topics such as fundraising.

The current membership includes the following: Kathleen Murphy, Natalie Thomas, D'Andre Thompson, James Melton, Sarah Dresser (Manager of Office of Cultural Affairs).

Two of those listed have the Commission (Thomas and Thompson). Kathleen has said she wishes to remain on the Committee. The chair of the Commission is also designated as one of the members, so that would go to David Spear.

We need two other volunteers to fill the remaining positions. James Melton and Diana Moxon are going to fill the positions.

New advisory committee slate is: David Spear, James Melton, Diana Moxon, Kathleen Murphy and Sarah Dresser.

**Motion to recommend the new slate of members to the Columbia Arts Fund Advisory Committee made by Froidl, seconded by Dorth; motion carried.**

## VII. REPORTS

### Commission

#### Secretary's Report

Gadsden shared correspondence to congratulate Jill Womack for the Celebration of the Arts Award.

#### Standing Committee on Public Art

None

### Staff

#### Columbia Arts Fund Update

Dresser shared that the current balance of the Columbia Arts Fund is \$328,345.78. The \$16,500 distribution for 2023 has just come out of the balance.

#### CoMoGives

Jira reported that she is posting social media posts to encourage donations to the CoMoGives campaign to the Columbia Arts Fund. We created a dance video that is being used for promotion. Overall, across the country and world, giving is down.

#### Columbia Values Diversity Celebration

Jira reported that ticket sales and sponsorships are coming in for the event on January 24. We have around 400 seats left to sell. She provided information about the event and encouraged Commissioners who are interested to reach out to order tickets.

#### Commemorative Poster

Staff shared that we will start accepting submissions for the 2024 Commemorative poster starting January 8.

#### Agency Assistance

Dresser reported that the Board School training for January 17 and January 31 is accepting registration from City-funded arts agencies. So far we have 7 organizations signed up with 3-5 representatives each. We expect a handful more as well. The capacity

building workshop series will be facilitated by Sara Leonard with New Chapter Coaching.

#### **Status of FY23 & FY24 Funding**

Dresser reported that the following organization has a final report due for FY23 funding - Boone County Historical Society. The following organization has final report due for FY24 funding - Dismal Niche Arts.

#### **OCA Office Move**

Staff shared that the Office of Cultural Affairs will be relocating from City Hall across the street to the Gentry Building. We will be moving by the end of December. Once the move is official, we will be sure to notify the Commission as well as the public. Our monthly meetings will still plan to take place here in City Hall.

### **VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Diana Moxon discussed the work of artist Nick Cave, originally from Fulton, graduated from Hickman High School. He is an amazing artists and she wants to see recognition of him and his work. Other members of the Commission shared community events.

### **IX. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will take place on January 8, 2024.

### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

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