



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes

### Commission on Cultural Affairs

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Monday, July 22, 2024  
4:30 PM

Regular

City Hall  
701 E Broadway  
Council Chambers

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Spear called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Staff present: Sarah Dresser and Andrea Jira

**Present:** 8 - Kristin Gadsden, David Spear, Cameron Dorth, Molly Froidl, Diana Moxon, Stacey Thompson, Kathleen Murphy and Kate Nolte

**Excused:** 3 - James Melton, Linda Helmick and Ryan Hobart

**Unexcused:** 1 - Jim Little

#### II. INTRODUCTIONS

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from June 10, 2024 made by Gadsden, seconded by Froidl; motion carried.

Minutes from June 10, 2024

**Attachments:** [6.10.24 Draft Minutes](#)

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

Nick Cave Recognition

Dresser presented the correspondence to City Council as a report at their June 17 meeting. City Council members were interested in hearing what ideas the Commission has on recognizing Nick Cave and suggested that a future report be brought back to them once more research has been done on potential opportunities.

Diana will reach out to Nick's team to see if there is interest before any action takes place.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### VII. REPORTS

**Commission****Secretary's Report**

None

**Standing Committee on Public Art**

Dresser reported that we have a new member of the Standing Committee on Public Art. David Spear did not reapply for that appointed position, and Jamie Scheppers was appointed by City Council at its June 17 meeting. Currently there are no future meetings set, but as new public art projects get underway, the group will reconvene.

The Shops at Sharp End exhibit is on display featuring artwork of three local artists: Ja'Licia Gainer, Ni Kang, and Ginger Cawley.

**Staff****City Budget Update**

Chair David Spear is planning to present to City Council at its first public budget hearing on August 5. He has also worked on a draft of the usual funding letter to accompany the presentation on August 5. There will also be a Council budget work scheduled for July 29, the week ahead of their first public hearing on the budget.

**Columbia Arts Fund Update**

The current balance of the Columbia Arts Fund is \$372,089.68

**Celebration of the Arts**

Staff reported that planning is underway. Committee is concerned regarding the lack of participation from restaurants. There was discussion regarding whether we should be asking for donations or paying. Since it is a fund-raiser, staff and committee will continue to ask for in-kind food donations first.

**Make Music Day**

Jira reported that Make Music Day was successful. We had over 30 performances and great media publicity.

**Agency Assistance**

Dresser reported that there is nothing planned by OCA at the moment. However, OCA was contacted by the Missouri Arts Council who has funds budgeted for an Artist INC program (that is in part facilitated by the Mid-America Arts Alliance program) and they plan to bring a capacity-building program for artists of all disciplines to Columbia this fall. Staff will work with MAC to help determine a location and promote in the arts community.

**Status of FY24 Funding**

Staff reported that there is currently one final report is due from Odyssey Chamber Music Series later this month.

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

Commissioners mentioned the building fire that occurred at Orr Street Studios and that funds are being raised to assist with necessary repairs to the building.

**IX. FY25 ANNUAL ARTS GRANTS (to begin at 5:15 p.m.)****Ratify Scores and Finalize Funding Levels**

Dresser stated that 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.

This year, going into the FY25 budget where there is additional funding to be considered by City Council, staff has presented two scenarios of funding recommendations for the Commission to consider recommending to approve. The first scenario is based off the funding amount of \$116,500. The second scenario is based off a total funding amount of \$166,500. It should be noted that since the total requests came in at \$181,146, that this second scenario total is presented so that there wouldn't be any "overfunded" requests. In addition, if the funding increase is approved by City Council (anticipated to be \$100,000 in additional funding), then the remaining \$50,000 would be used to have an additional grant opportunity during the upcoming fiscal year.

Staff will also note that the use of \$500 bonus awards to the top three scoring applicants over 95% has been incorporated into these calculations. Organizations who were awarded bonus funds in the past two fiscal years are not eligible for current year bonus awards.

The point of bringing both scenarios to the Commission for approval will allow staff to proceed with drafting the contract agreements to be ready for signature by organizations as soon as the City Budget for FY25 is approved in mid-September.

Approve Stipulations: The Commission needs to approve the stipulations that were discussed at the June Commission meeting. The following can be approved all at once (which are included on the handout):

- GreenHouse Theatre Project - Stipulations: Provide finalized dates and venues.
- Jabberwocky Studios - Stipulations: Provide finalized schedule of programs.
- Maplewood Barn Association - Stipulations: Provide dates for productions.
- 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 Review - Stipulations: Provide final schedule of events.
- 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 in both scenarios, and all stipulations made by Murphy, seconded by Moxon. Roll call vote - motion carried.**

**Yes:** 8 - Gadsden, Spear, Dorth, Froidl, Moxon, Thompson, Murphy and Nolte

**Excused:** 3 - Melton, Helmick and Hobart

**Unexcused:** 1 - Little

Approve Stipulations

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

Applicants and members of the public have an opportunity to speak at this meeting. The

following individuals from applicant organizations provided comments: Jon Poses (We Always Swing Jazz Series), Matt Schacht (Vidwest), and Sarah Catlin (School of Service dba Access Arts).

**X. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Due to the Celebration of the Arts happening in August, we may not have an August meeting.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at 5:37 p.m. made by Spear, seconded by Murphy; motion carried.**