

Minutes for ACAC Commissioners Meeting

DATE: January 10, 2022

PRESENT:

Executive:

Vice Chair: Madeline Blankenship

Secretary: Donna Brumby

Members-at-Large: Beatrice Brown; Helen Kuykendall; Victoria Prevatt; Esra Santesso

Ex-officio: Mickey Boyd; Jan Bush

Advisors: Didi Dunphy; Stephanie Raines

Guests: Madhuri Angadi (SPLOST); Diana Jackson (SPLOST)

Staff: Tatiana Veneruso

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Linda Ford; Montu Miller; Andrew Salinas; Darcie St. Onge

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Madeline B. at 6:08 pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting (November 8, 2021) were approved unanimously (motion by Helen / second by Esra).

Chair's Report

 Vice Chair Madeline opened a discussion concerning FY23 operating budget requests for ACAC.

In addition to ongoing operating funds, the following suggestions for additional FY23 budget were each unanimously approved:

1. Request \$8,000 for ACAC website redesign (motion by Madeline / second by Beatrice).

Action item: Stephanie will double-check on the procedural rules for bidding and selection and report at the February meeting.

- 2. Request \$20,000 to increase the number of Arts in Community Awards and increase the award amounts, increasing the total to four projects annually at \$5,000 each (motion by Donna / second by Madeline).
- 3. Request \$8,000 for arts project assistants and/or associated project expenses. Assigning assistants per project would be based on the size of the award, the

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need for local assistance for non-local artists, and the learning opportunities for the assistants (motion by Madeline / second by Victoria).

- A decision on hiring an artist assistant for the Clayton Street project was tabled until an updated FY22 budget report is available.
- The group was asked to begin thinking about the advisability of using RFQs v. RFPs for Arts in Community Awards.

Financial Report

No report presented.

Project Reports

Tatiana presented the following updates:

Clayton Street

Trees are currently being installed, the fabrication documents have been presented, and the main installation is planned to begin in April 2022.

- Fire Station #2 and Cooperative Extension

Public dedications for Hero's Path (Aaron Hussey) and Origins (David Hale, Peter McCarron, and David Harrison) were held January 8, 2022.

Poet Laureate

An event is being planned for April, which is National Poetry Month.

Greenway II

The site has been selected, pending approval by the Mayor and Commission.

- Classic Center Arena

The user group for this project met on December 15, 2021. A followup meeting will be announced later this week.

Affordable Housing

The next user group meeting for this project will be held January 13, 2022.

Pianos

Arrangements have been made for the piano at the A-CC Library to be tuned and touched up, and for the piano at Bishop Park to be retired and removed as it is beyond repair.

Music Walk of Fame

The 2022 selection team meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2022.

Hawthorne Intersection

A user group meeting will be announced soon for this project.

Arts in Community Awards

- Ten applications were received for the latest round of awards. The selection team is working on the final selection of two awards for this round.
- Posting of the Spring round will be tabled until February 2022, when a budget report is available.
- Fourteen AICA: Resiliency reports are still outstanding, but Tatiana reported that all the projects have actually been completed.

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Outreach Team Report:

Madeline recapped December tabling events.

Strategy Team Report:

Beatrice and Victoria presented planning ideas for an ACAC retreat for Spring 2022.

Andrew recently sent out a survey for members concerning preferences for the retreat and will report the results at the February meeting. Members were urged to submit responses to the survey.

Upcoming Events:

Various local opportunities were reported by members and guests.

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 14, 2022 (Online meeting is planned at this time.)

(DRAFT Minutes submitted by Donna Brumby.)