

MINUTES  
ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY COMMISSION ROOM CITY HALL  
June 15, 2018

Present: Ms. Charlene Brownson, Mr. Aaron Oleen, Ms. Hilary Wahlen, Ms. Rebecca Hackemann-Bahlmann and Dr. Michaeline Chance-Reay

Absent were: Ms. Sujatha Prakash, Ms. Karen McCulloh, Ms. Julie Pentz, and Mr. Wayne Goins

Staff Present: Mr. Randi Clifford, Mr. Zachary Bayless, and Ms. Lindsey Sparlin

Other Guests: Jay Nelson

A. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

Mr. Oleen called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. It was moved by Ms. Rebecca Hackemann-Bahlmann and seconded by Ms. Charlene Brownson to approve the minutes of the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Passed 5-0.

B. Public Comments

None to report

C. Staff Reports

Introduction of Zachary Bayless as the Arts and Humanities Recreation Supervisor. Discussion of Zachary's background and experience.

D. Greater Manhattan Community Foundation Grant Update

Mr. Aaron Oleen discussed the two elements of the GMCF Grant. Mr. Oleen discussed the meeting held on Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> and expressed that he felt the meeting went well and the group was supportive. He said that there was logistics that need to be figured out. There was discussion of Tal Streeter sculpture and the need to spend money quickly. Mr. Oleen expressed the main concern was for the site of the sculpture. Mr. Oleen hopes that the GMCF can fund McMillian firm doing site analysis and preliminary plans. Mr. Randi Clifford expressed that due to the budget cutbacks facing the City, the Tal Streeter project will no longer be funded by them. Discussion of any pricing changes from what Bruce McMillian had originally stated. Mr. Oleen would like to create a subcommittee that can meet outside the scheduled Board meeting. It was discussed that there is now a need for three subcommittees: Tal Streeter, Poyntz Improvement, Juried Art Competition. Ms. Hilary Wahlen presented the information given by the K-State students. Mr. Oleen recommends that the booklet should be shared with Bruce McMillian. Jay Nelson suggested sharing this plan with multiple people who interact with the ideal location. Jay Nelson expressed how the GCMF

committee wants something that is complete and can be presented to them. Mr. Oleen will speak to Mr. McMillian and GMCF and report back. Mr. Oleen expresses that the City will have to be involved in the process due to it being on city property. Mr. Randi Clifford will be the City contact. Discussion of the importance of a public art policy and the relationship between the City, the AHAB and the GMCF.

GMCF is wanting something done before the end of the year. Jay Nelson presented Kent Bloomer's projects. The Flying Buffalo would be a project that could be potentially completed in this time. The Flying Buffalo would be on a major city gateway and feature a classical look. Mr. Oleen discussed this project and present other similar pieces. Discussion occurred on other artists that are around town. Mr. Oleen suggested that Rebecca invite Daniel Hunt to present and talk with The Board about future projects. Mr. Oleen motions to have the Board make contact with Kent Bloomer about the "Flying Buffalo" sculpture. Ms. Brownson seconds, motion passes.

#### E. Juried Art Competition

The grant request for the Juried Art Competition was approved and fully funded for \$10,000. The subcommittee for this project must meet to determine artist selection process and finalize paperwork. Hilary expresses concern with locations. Mr. Oleen expresses that the subcommittee needs a chair and scheduled dates to get this process going.

#### F. Other Business

Mr. Randi Clifford thanked the members that attended the meeting on Wednesday. He expressed the importance of this Board and its purpose.

#### G. Adjournment

1:09pm