



Mr. Jon Springmeyer, with Bonneville Research, gave an introduction of his role and relationship with the Salt Lake City Arts Council. He reported his firm, Bonneville Research, was selected to do some analysis on the Twilight Concert Series. Mr. Springmeyer stated the scope of work for TCS will include measuring demographics and our target audience, financial analysis, looking at City funding, sponsorships and identifying potential cost savings, in addition to analyzing direct and indirect economic impact to the City and surrounding businesses. He also reported they are looking at what impact planning and hosting the TCS has on the Arts Council staff and what the competition is in the market.

Ms. Karen Krieger reported that a list of potential board members for the Arts Council and the Design Board have been submitted to the Mayor's Office and is awaiting a response. Ms. Krieger announced that Ms. Helen Peters' term as a board member will be up in June. She also reported that Mr. Michael Braxton, Ms. Megan Hallett and Mr. Mathew Allred have all resigned from the board.

### **III. Budget Update**

Ms. Karen Krieger reported that the budget amendment should be approved formally by the City Council on Tuesday, April 19. At that time we will find out if the budget request is ongoing or if it becomes a part of the budget request in May. Ms. Krieger reported the Director of the City Council, Ms. Cindy Gust-Jensen, requested an audit on the Arts Council budget which should be wrapped up by Friday, April 15.

### **IV. Committee Reports**

Ms. Kerri Hopkins reported the Fund Raising Committee met on April 6. She said Mr. Richard Jaramillo has a list of five potential fundraising committee members to call and Mr. Chad Whittaker has two or three individuals to contact.

### **V. Staff Reports**

Ms. Kelsey Ellis gave an update on the fundraising efforts of the Arts Council. She reported there was close to \$1,000 raised through the Love Utah Give Utah campaign, The George and Doré Eccles Foundation granted funding in the amount of \$24,000 with a larger portion of that support designated to the Living Traditions Festival and The Dee Foundation granted \$3,500 which was an increase from last year. Ms. Ellis also announced that she is looking for 2 grants committee members. Mr. Canon Tarbet and Ms. Whitney King Hyans volunteered to join the committee.

Mr. Jesse Schafer reported that the line up for the Twilight Concert Series was announced on Tuesday, April 12. He stated there was good feedback and ticket sales for the first day were up from last year. Mr. Schafer announced that a couple of new interns have started working with the Arts Council and they will be working with the communications team. He also reported the special guest artist for the Living Traditions Festival has been confirmed. The special guest is the group NARI, led by Ginger Shankar who is an Indian American singer, composer and multi-instrumentalist.

Ms. Wendy Evanoff announced that there are tickets available to the Chow Piano Duo featuring Alan Chow & Alvin Chow. This event is hosted by the Gina Bachauer International Piano Foundation.

Ms. Helen Peters reported on the Public Art Program beginning with the Flying Objects project. She stated they have selected artists and are processing contracts for the final selection process. Ms. Peters also discussed the Nine Line which is a trail that runs down 9<sup>th</sup> South; she said they are in the process of selecting an artist, which has to be a consulting artist. Finally, Ms. Peters reported that Laura Sharp Wilson's floor piece has been installed in the terrazzo floor at the Eccles Theatre.

Ms. Kandace Steadman announced the selection for the Mayor's Artist Awards which will be presented to the recipients at the Utah Arts Festival. She also reported that the 2017 call for entries closed on April 11; there were 63 applications submitted. Ms. Steadman reported the Finch Lane Gallery Reading Series is going to be launched on April 28 which will feature writers who live in the Utah that have won local writing awards.

## **VI. Arts Event Discussion/Upcoming Events**

Ms. Helen Peters reported that she saw *Beauty and the Beast* at Ballet West II where the students from the Ballet West Academy performed. She also saw *Cowgirls* at Pioneer Theater which was funny and interesting.

Mr. Cannon Tarbet reported that the USITT (United States Institute for Theater Technology) Conference was held in Salt Lake City, March 16 – 19. Mr. Tarbet said it was a great success. He also announced that the 2016 ABANA (Artist Blacksmiths Association of North America) Conference will be held at the Utah State Fairpark July 13 – 16.

Ms. Linda Hunt reported that she attended UMFA's *ARTLandish* which is Land Art, Landscape and the Environment. She mentioned there was a professor from Weber State whose next photographic exhibit is going to be shooting ranges in Utah.

## **VII. Public Comment – None**

## **VIII. Other Business - None**

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.