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MAYOR

DEPARTMENT of COMMUNITY and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

KAREN KRIEGER
DIRECTOR

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 08, 2016
Art Barn in Reservoir Park

PRESENT: Mike Colby Richard Jaramillo
Kerri Hopkins Helen Peters
Whitney King Hyans Cannon Tarbet
Linda Hunt

Staff Members

Karen Krieger, Executive Director
Kelsey Ellis, Assistant Director
Kandace Steadman, Visual Arts Program Manager
Wendy Evanoff, Office Facilitator
Jesse Schaefer, Performing Arts Program Manager
Roni Thomas, Public Art Program Manager

EXCUSED: John Johnson
Eva Rinaldi
Chad Whittaker

GUEST: Sylvia Richards, Public Policy Analyst, City Council Office
Lia Summers, Salt Lake City Mayor's Office

I. Call to Order/Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Kerri Hopkins called the meeting to order at approximately 5:38 p.m. Mr. Richard Jaramillo made a motion to approve the minutes from May's board meeting; the motion was seconded by Ms. Whitney King Hyans.

II. Executive Committee

Ms. Lia Summers gave an update on the Mayor's Office. Ms Summers announced that Ms. Lara Fritts, the new Economic Development Director was confirmed by the City Council on June 7. Ms. Fritts will relocate from Maryland to Salt Lake City in the first part of July. Ms. Summers also reported that she met with Mayor Biskupski and reviewed board applicants. Mayor Biskupski appointed five of the applicants to the Arts Council board. The candidates are Ms. Jennifer Horne, Ms. Anne Dayton, and Ms. Denise Brenes, who have accepted their appointments. Ms. Kerri Hopkins confirmed that Mr. Matthew Castillo and Mr. Efron Garcia are the other two individuals that have been appointed to the board.

Ms. Karen Krieger reported that Ms. Summers scheduled a meeting with Mayor Jackie Biskupski so both she and Ms. Krieger could hear about Mayor Biskupski's vision for the Arts Council. Mayor Biskupski offered to contact people who might be able to participate in some of the Arts Council's programs and to help raise sponsorship money. She also showed interest in getting children involved in art and art on the west side, community art and art on utility boxes.

Ms. Karen Krieger reported that during a Council discussion of the new department's budget Councilman Stan Penfold shared his concerns of combining Arts and Economic Development. He mentioned that the arts contribute to a quality of life and he would hate to see the arts valued in terms of economic values. Mr. Patrick Leary, the Mayor's Chief of Staff responded that the Mayor also feels that the arts are a part of creating quality of life and strong neighborhoods and that economic development does that as well.

Ms. Lara Fritts expressed to Ms. Karen Krieger that she has a vision she has laid out for Economic Development for the City which includes a hundred day plan and how she is going to establish that vision which is based on data and planning. Ms. Fritts would like to use an open position to create a marketing/communications person, which will be helpful to the Arts Council.

III. Budget Update

Ms. Kelsey Ellis presented the FY16 end of the year budget projection. She reviewed the differences in expense and income from the approved budget vs. the final projected budget. Ms. Karen Krieger explained that more program expenses will incur and currently there is a projected deficit but there are three more weeks in the current fiscal year.

Ms. Karen Krieger reported that the \$150,000 budget request from the City Council isn't ongoing and the money the Arts Council received fixed the shortage from last year's Twilight Concert Series that provided us cash to operate this year. Ms. Krieger expressed that the Council is hesitant to fund a projected deficit not knowing how much that deficit will be, however, there has been a funding gap in Twilight for the past six years and the current model doesn't work.

Mr. Cannon Tarbet made a motion to approve the final budget projection for FY16; the motion was seconded by Mr. Richard Jaramillo.

Ms. Kelsey Ellis then presented the budget proposal for FY17. She noted that the budget is in a new format and reflects the net cost of each program. Ms. Ellis stated that the general operating funds will now be distributed by program to give a more accurate reflection of what each program costs.

Mr. Richard Jaramillo made a motion to approve the proposed budget for FY17; the motion was seconded by Ms. Whitney King Hyans.

IV. Committee Reports

Mr. Richard Jaramillo reported that the Fund Raising Committee will be inviting individuals to attend the gallery opening on June 17 to generate support for the Arts Council Foundation.

Ms. Linda Hunt reported on the Grants Committee meeting stating they reviewed, reported and evaluated the applications submitted for Arts Learning grants. She reported that they will present their recommendations for funding at the August board meeting.

V. Staff Reports

Ms. Kelsey Ellis reported the General Support grant deadline is Monday, June 13 and the Project Support grant application deadline is Monday, June 20.

Mr. Jesse Schaefer reported that the Living Traditions Festival went well. The weather was challenging, but overall the turnout was good. Mr. Schaefer reported that the artists for the Brown Bag Concert Series have been selected. The BBCS runs from August 1 through August 26. He also announced that ticket sales for Twilight are steady and there is greater engagement with social media this year. Also the opening artist, Badbadnotgood, for DIPLO has been confirmed.

Ms. Helen Peters reported that the new Flying Objects contracts with the exception of one are complete and will be installed in the spring of 2017. Ms. Peters also reported that Willy Littig and Nat Srok designed the public art for Redwood Meadows Park.

Ms. Roni Thomas announced her retirement effective June 30, 2016.

Ms. Kandace Steadman reported that the next exhibition is by Gary Vlasic and Colour Maisch. Ms. Steadman is anticipating a big opening on June 17 since Gallery Stroll is that night as well. Also, the Read Local series begins on Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Karen Krieger officially announced that Ms. Roni Thomas is retiring and this will be her last board meeting and also Ms. Helen Peter's term is finished as a Board member therefor, this will be her final board meeting.

VI. Arts Event Discussion/Upcoming Events

Ms. Linda Hunt attended UMOCA's Fluid Art which offers two ounce tastings of Utah's best craft brews at each Art+Ale station.

Ms. Helen Peters reported that she attended Gershwin's Piano Concerto with the Utah Symphony. She also saw The Marriage of Figaro with the Utah Opera and The Count of Monte Cristo at the Pioneer Theatre Company.

VII. Public Comment – None

VIII. Other Business - None

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.