

Full Commission Meeting Minutes

10/19/17 3:30pm – 6:00pm
200 I Street SE, DC 20003
OCTO: Fifth Floor, RM 5403

Attending Commissioners: Kay Kendall, CHAIR; Stacie Banks, Rhona Friedman (Call-in), Alma Gates, Darrin Glymph (Call-in), Lawrence Green, MaryAnn Miller, Elvi Moore, Josef Palermo (Call-in), Maria Rooney, Jose Ucles

Not In Attendance: Commissioner(s) Clampitt, Fleet, Francis, Gray, Sattarnilasskorn, Wharton

Attending Staff Members: Arthur Espinoza, Jr., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; Michael Bigley, Heran Sereke-Brhan, Ebony Brown, Earica Busby, Lauren Dugas Glover, David Markey, Dominique Marsalek, Jeffrey Scott, Carl Wilson, Rhea Beckett

The Full Commission meeting of the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities was called to order on October 19, 3:30pm at 200 I St. SE, DC 20003, Room 5403.

Adoption of the September Agenda

- Chair Kendall introduced the agenda as presented. Commissioner Banks moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ucles.
 - *The motion carried; Unanimous.*
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Adoption of the September minutes

- Chair Kendall introduced the minutes of the 9/13 and 9/22 September Full Commission meetings.
 - Commissioner Miller moved to adopt the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green.
 - *The motion carried; Unanimous.*
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Chairperson's Report

- Chair Kendall introduced the topic of setting Committee Goals for the FY18 fiscal year in collaboration with Director Espinoza.
- Chair Kendall reminded the Commission of the upcoming 50th anniversary of CAH as part of goal setting for FY18.

Arts Education Committee Report

- Commissioner Friedman announced a pending CAH presented Arts Education Symposium on December 11 to be held at the Library of Congress.
- Commissioner Friedman announced the successful completion of a milestone in Arts Education Policy work: the FY17 Sense of Council Resolution passed with support from the District Board of Education.
- Commissioner Friedman announced that the DC Arts and Education Collaborative will be hosting community discussions on "Any Given Child" at the Kennedy Center. The first meeting for these important discussions will be held in the coming month.

Bylaws Committee Report

- Commissioner Glymph announced FY18 goals for his committee:
 - Reconvening the committee in the coming months to go over updated bylaws.
 - Providing an updated report to the Full Commission following the meetings and review by committee.

Events Committee Report

- Commissioner Ucles recounted the recent successful completion of the 32nd Mayor's Arts Awards (MAA).
- Commissioner Ucles noted that there was more media coverage of the MAA this year than previously and greater attendance.
- Commissioner Ucles shared his enthusiasm over awarding Ms. Holladay with an Honor Award for her lifetime of work at MAA.
- Commissioner Ucles noted the lackluster post event reception on stage and in the lobby, as well as, his desire to have more photos of commission activities presented in the future.

- Commissioner Miller noted the successful completion of CAH's SummerSet DC concerts (three days), the Labor Day Weekend Music Festival, and the 202 Arts & Music Festival.

Finance Committee Report

- Commissioner Moore introduced an FY17 and FY18 fiscal overview.
- Commissioner Moore noted that CAH was able to utilize all grant money with some funding rolling over to go back into the general District fund pool.
- Executive Director Espinoza further explained that the non-grant budget surplus was largely from personnel vacancies in FY17.
- Chair Kendall inquired into the funding differential in FY17 equaling close to one million dollars.
- CAH Finance Manager Earica Busby explained that this was due in large part to the legislated funding changes for the Children's Museum grantee, which accounted for \$500K.
- Commissioner Moore announced that the FY18 budget is larger due to increased grant funds. The extra funding is mostly for grant projects and not for CAH overhead or operation costs.
- Executive Director Espinoza explained that operating costs for CAH are higher in FY18 due increasing base expenditures such as salaries. The only budget increase that CAH received was in grant funds and such net decrease to non-grant funds will affect CAH's programmatic planning and budgeting for FY18. CAH will budget let and remain resourceful. The Events Department is the single biggest cost area where funds can be more readily controlled.
- Commissioner Moore announced that CAH has successfully received the \$720K grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for FY18.

Grants Committee Report

- CAH Senior Grants Officer, Heran Sereke-Brhan, introduced the grants report on behalf of Commissioner(s) Wharton and Clampitt.
- Mrs. Sereke-Brhan explained that the Grants Department is in need of Commissioner Conveners for upcoming grant cycles and requested that Commissioners volunteer for an upcoming panel if possible.
- Chair Kendall further requested that Commissioners seek possible panelists in the community who may be able to serve on an upcoming panel as the need is high for panelists.

Public Art Committee Report

- Commissioner Gates explained that the Marion Barry Statue has a tentative March 6 (2018) unveiling date. Site work at the Wilson Building is beginning. The clay model is currently a work in progress.
- Executive Director Espinoza announced that there will be a hearing before Council's Committee of the Whole on October 26 for the resolution necessary to proceed with the Marion Barry Statue.
- Commissioner Gates reported that the Tenleytown PABC mural was unveiled over the past weekend. The Mayor attended the unveiling and gave a speech to a robust crowd.
- Commissioner Gates further reported that the Public Art Committee meet last week to develop ideas on the public art component of the Fiftieth Anniversary year.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Espinoza submitted a written report.
- Executive Director Espinoza highlighted two pending legislative bills which may go before Council, one of which would allow CAH to pay adjudication panelists for their day of service, and the other would implement a Go-Go appreciation and fellow program in the District. Any further updates on these pieces of legislation will be shared with Commissioners as they develop, but the first seems unlikely to advance, while the latter is poised to move forward.
- The FY17 budget of grant funding was fully met. Planning has begun on the FY19 budget.
- Next week, CAH is pleased to welcome Anysa Saleh as the new Arts Education Specialist. She will work directly with Arts Education Coordinator David Markey.

New Business

- Chair Kendall inquired into any further business for discussion before the Full Commission.
- Commissioner Palermo asked about information he had heard regarding a copyright dispute involving a CAH grantee.
- CAH General Counsel Carl Wilson, responded by stating that CAH does not get involved with private subcontractor disputes of CAH grantees.
- Chair Kendall motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:50PM.