

# 4.27.17 Minutes



## Full Commission Meeting Minutes

4/27/2017

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Deliberative Meeting

CAH Large Conference Room

**Attending Commissioners:** Kay Kendall, CHAIR; Susan Clampitt; Haili Francis; Alma Gates; Darrin Glymph (Phone); MaryAnn Miller; Elvi Moore; Josef Palermo; Cicie Sattarnilasskorn; José Alberto Uclés; Gretchen Wharton; C. Brian Williams; Lawrence Green; Maria Rooney; Edmund Fleet

**Attending Staff Members:** Arthur Espinoza, Jr., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; Michael Bigley; Earica Busby; Lauren Dugas Glover; Dominique Marsalek; Patrick Realiza; Regan Spurlock; Derek Younger; Carl Wilson; Rhea Beckett; David Markey

The Full Commission meeting of the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities was called to order on March 23, 2017 at 4:00 pm at 200 I Street, SE, Suite 1400, Washington, DC 20003.

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### Adoption of the Agenda

- Chair Kendall motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded.  
*The motion carried. Unanimous*

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### Adoption of the March Minutes

- Chair Kendall motioned to adopt the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded.  
*The motion carried. Unanimous*

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### Chairperson's Report

- Chair Kendall reported to the Full Commission that Cultural DC hosted an all-day art filled Symposium at Arena Stage on Monday, April 24.
- Chair Kendall explained that a panel spoke on the importance of art in the community with a strong emphasis on public art and place making.
- Chair Kendall highlighted the Anacostia River Festival and its successful turnout this year, including a growing level of participation and attendance.

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### Committee Reports

- Bylaws Committee:
  - Chair Kendall presented suggested edits to the Bylaws submitted by the Commission to Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs (OPLA) in July 2016.
  - Chair Kendall explained that the previous language in the Bylaws have been submitted to Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) for change.
  - CAH's General Counsel conveyed that this change to Bylaws allows for compliance with the District's Open Meetings Act.
  - CAH's General Counsel stated that the current Bylaws limits the Commission Chair to closing a meeting for personnel matters, and not necessarily for any of the reasons listed in the Open Meetings Act.
  - Commissioner Glymph noted the mentioned Bylaws were approved by the Commission in the previous year (July) and that the Commission is still operating under the 2013 Bylaws.
- Events/Mayor's Arts Awards Committee:
  - Commissioner Miller announced an upcoming Dolores Kendrick event, the Gwendolyn Brooks Centennial Celebration, on Wednesday, May 3 from 7PM – 8:30PM at OCTFME.
  - Commissioner Miller announced the upcoming SummerSet DC (formerly Music on the Mall) event, June 29 – July 20 on the National Mall.

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- Chair Kendall encouraged all to attend the opening day for SummerSet DC on June 29 at 12PM – 2PM.
- Commissioner Miller discussed the upcoming Chuck Brown Day event on August 19 from 3PM – 7PM at Chuck Brown Memorial Park.
- Commissioner Miller announced the upcoming Labor Day Weekend Music Festival on September 1 – 3, 7PM, at the Historic Lincoln Theatre.
- Commissioner Miller announced the 202 Arts & Music Festival on September 9, 11AM – 9PM at Southwest Waterfront.
- Commissioner Miller proposed that we change the date of the Annual Meeting to June 22.
- Chair Kendall motioned to change the Annual Meeting Date to June 22.
  - The motion was seconded.
  - *The motion carried. Unanimous*
- Commissioner Uclés noted that the 32<sup>nd</sup> Mayor’s Arts Awards will occur this year on Thursday, September 14.
- Commissioner Uclés stated the categories for awards at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Mayor’s Arts Awards: Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Arts Education, Creative Industry, Humanities, The Larry Neal Writers’ Award, and three Special Honors.
- Executive Director Espinoza announced the Commission has posted a call to artists to participate in performance opportunities at SummerSetDC, 202 Arts & Music Festival, and the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mayor’s Arts Awards.
- Executive Director Espinoza explained that the call for artists for the Labor Day Music Festival will be made public in the near future.
- Finance Committee:
  - Commissioner Moore announced a budget reprogramming of \$375,049 to contractual services from grants.
  - Commissioner Moore addressed the reallocation of grants budget funds from various grant categories to balance grant activities in the amount of \$490,380 and detailed the particular budget line item amounts.
- Grants/Panels Committee:
  - Commissioner Wharton announced the ongoing FY18 Grants Launches.
  - Commissioner Clampitt praised the Executive Director and staff for a well received execution of ongoing launches. She observed that these launches made clear how the community actively helps better CAH’s mission through feedback.
  - Commissioner Wharton explained that grant launches were held at Janney Elementary School and Edgewood Arts Center, as well as, live streamed. Over three hundred people attended a Grants Launch via live streaming.
  - Commissioner Wharton announced grants workshops to begin April 28. Workshops will be recorded and hosted online.
  - Chair Kendall noted that all Commissioners must convene a panel and encouraged Commissioners to sign up.
- Public Art Committee:
  - Commissioner Gates announced a review of 12 applications Friday, April 21, for the Public Arts Building Communities Cycle 2.
  - Commissioner Gates mentioned that three new art conservation projects are being added with targeted completion by the end of FY17. These will include: the Chinatown Barnes Dance, the Westminster Playground Mural, and the “100 years of African American History” mural located at 4309 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave NE.
  - Commissioner Gates explained that there will be two cycles of PABC in FY18. For the FY18 PABC grants:
    - Applicants may submit up to two applications per cycle and up to four applications per year
    - Individuals may apply for up to \$50,000
    - Organizations may apply for up to \$100,000 and must have a 1 to 1 funding match
    - Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) may apply up to \$250,000 and have a 1 to 1 funding match
  - Commissioner Gates reported that The Washingtonia Collection opened on Tuesday, April 25. The exhibit runs through June 23 and is held at the 200 I Street, SE Gallery.
  - Commissioner Gates reported that The Washingtonia 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial call has been announced and is now open to local DC – based artists.
  - Commissioner Gates explained that the Biennial call is open to individuals and galleries with artwork centered on the theme of “Home.”
  - Commissioner Gates reported the following project updates:
    - The Barry Bronze Statue design was submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts on April 20.

- Commissioner Gates reported on CAH's participation in an artist selection panel held on March 24 to support PEPCO's public art work. The panel also included representatives from: Capitol Riverfront BID, The Smithsonian Institution, PEPCO, DC Office of Planning, DC residents and Southwest residents and artists. The Panel unanimously selected Catherine Mann as the artist for the project which will be funded by PEPCO.
- Commissioner Gates announced that the Pepco Waterfront Substation – *Flash Point* sculpture was presented to CFA on April 20. The target installation date is October 27, 2017.

## Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Espinoza reported that the FY18 CAH Budget Hearing occurred in April where he responded to activities of the agency and reported on Mayor Bowser's budget allocation for CAH for the coming year.
- Executive Director Espinoza reported that City Councilmembers R. White and Evans presided at the budget hearing, and other Committee Councilmember staffers were present.
- Executive Director Espinoza announced that the FY18 CAH Budget Hearing is available for video streaming on the City Council website and can be reviewed.
- Executive Director Espinoza relayed an effort on behalf of Chairman Evans to create dedicated funding for CAH. Two ideas announced by Chairman Evans at the Budget Hearing were to tax professional sports playoff activities that occur in the District and/or the retail sales at the Smithsonian Museums.
- Executive Director Espinoza announced the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the agency and ongoing discussions with the staff and commissioners on plans to celebrate this upcoming year.
- Executive Director Espinoza explained that he is currently monitoring NEA updates for possible budget changes. Updates reported:
  - The NEA named the former White House Liaison to the NEA as its new Senior Deputy Director.
  - Organizations throughout the District are impacted by changes in the NEA, in addition to the direct impacts CAH may have in its federal funding for FY18. Should that occur, community members may experience financial pressures and CAH remains aware of this potential risk.
  - At the Budget Hearing, Council asked what CAH would do if the 3.4% of our budget from the NEA were to not be available in FY18 and ED Espinoza responded by explaining that CAH would conduct normal operations adjusting for the minimal impact.
- Executive Director Espinoza emphasized the work occurring in the Grants Department:
  - Closure of the recent PEF application program,
  - Upcoming PEF awards will be announced as part of "InnoMAYtion," an initiative of DMPED;
  - Completion of the FY18 Grants panels for the General Operating Support (GOS) grant programs
  - Completion of the FY18 Grants launch including start of a survey from attendees to obtain feedback and data;
  - ED Espinoza highlighted that CAH saw a larger number of participants than in previous years at the launch
- Executive Director Espinoza noted that that the Barry Commission Project continues toward its tentative completion date of March 6, 2018.
- Executive Director Espinoza reported that CAH completed its Poetry Out Loud activities in the prior month, a project done in partnership with the NEA.

## Poet Laureate's Report

- Poet Laureate Kendrick announced that the Poet in Progress program was very successful due to the high attendance.
- Poet Laureate Kendrick announced an upcoming celebration of the poetry of Gwendolyn Brooks. The poetry reading event will occur on May 3 at OCTFME.

## New Business and Announcements

- Chair Kendall reminded the Commissioners of their Financial Disclosure forms to completed by May 15.
- Chair Kendall Motioned for a Roll Call Vote to enter into Executive Session.
  - Roll Call voting:
    - Commissioner Clampitt – Yes
    - Commissioner Francis – Yes

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- Commissioner Gates – Yes
  - Commissioner Glymph – Yes
  - Commissioner Miller – Yes
  - Commissioner Moore – Yes
  - Commissioner Palermo – Yes
  - Commissioner Sattarnilasskorn- Yes
  - Commissioner Uclés – Yes
  - Commissioner Wharton- Yes
  - Commissioner Williams – Yes
  - Commissioner Green- Yes
  - Commissioner Rooney – Yes
  - Commissioner Fleet – Yes
- *The motion carried. Unanimous.*

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## Executive Session

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## Adjournments

- The meeting was adjourned following the Executive Session at 6:59 pm.