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Full Commission Meeting Minutes

06/21/2018 4:00pm – 5:10pm
200 I Street SE, Fifth Floor, RM 5403
Washington, DC 20003

Attending Commissioners: Kay Kendall, Chair; Stacie Lee Banks, Cicie Sattarnilasskorn, Susan Clampitt, Edmund C. Fleet, Rhona Wolfe Friedman, Alma Gates, Darrin Glymph, Lawrence Green, Maryann Miller, Josef Palermo, José Alberto Uclés, , Gretchen Wharton

Not In Attendance: Commissioner(s) Gray, Rooney and Osuchukwu,

Attending Staff Members: Interim Executive Director Angie Gates, Interim Chief of Staff Karima Woods, Kennisha Rainge, Deputy Director Michael Bigley, Carl Wilson, Ebony Brown, Earica Busby, Lauren Dugas Glover, Patrick Realiza, Jeffrey Scott, David Markey, Heran Sereke-Brhan

The Full Commission meeting of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH) was called to order on June 21, 2018 at 4:00pm, at 200 I St. SE, Room 5403, Washington DC 20003

Adoption of the June Agenda

- Chair Kendall introduced the agenda as presented.
- Chair Kendall moved to adopt the agenda presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wharton.
 - *The motion carried; Unanimous.*

Adoption of the May minutes

- Chair Kendall introduced the minutes of the May Full Commission meeting.
- Commissioner Palermo moved to adopt the minutes as presented.
- Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.
 - *The motion carried; Unanimous.*

Chairperson's Report

- Chair Kendall started the meeting by asking everyone to state something they have done in the past month that is worth doing in Arts and Humanities community:
 - Karima- By the People Festival
 - MichaelBigley- Americans for the Arts Conference in Denver
 - Commissioner Francis- Graduated in May, attended the By the People, has painting on display at Martha's Table-Portrait of her nephew Jackson
 - Commissioner Friedman- Opening Night at the Camelot
 - David Markley- Attended the culminating of a grantee with the Latin America Youth Center to create a book
 - Earica Busby-Jazz in the Garden
 - Jeffrey Scott- LGBTQ/Pride One night only event to celebrate District Pride (Spoken Word Poetry, Music, Dance)
 - Patrick Realiza- One Journey Festival at the National Cathedral
 - Carl Wilson-Sung in a wedding
 - EbonyBrown- toured King Tut Exhibit in L.A.
 - Heran Sereke-Brhan Watched Camelot and the National's Children's Museum
 - Commissioner Wharton- Visited Vietnam in Thailand and saw a lot of art
 - Commissioner Miller- Step Afrika the Migration performance
 - Lauren Dugas- Visited Denver for the America's for the Arts (Public Art: Immigration, refugees, discretion through art) and attended the kickoff for March on Washington with Sheryl Lee Ralph
 - Commissioner Gates- Gallery opening in neighborhood for an exhibit of landscape artists

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- Commissioner Banks- Mosaic Theatre
 - Chair Kendall- Opening night at Camelot
 - Interim Director Gates- Attended the Rammy's (Culinary Arts), AFI Docs (Film Festival: The Liberation Film) Based on D.C. Central Kitchen
 - Commissioner Glymph- Watched and enjoyed Childish Gambino, This is America video with a 13 and 18 year old and they all valued the perspective of the video.
 - Commissioner Sattarnilasskorn- Groundbreaking of Planet Word (Museum of Language Arts in the Franklin School)- Slated to open in 2020
 - Commissioner Palermo- Meeting with different artists and arts organizations to see what the grants are like in Berlin
 - Commissioner Fleet- By the People Festival, DC Housing Expo, Opening Night of Camelot
- Chair Kendall introduced Interim Executive Director Angie Gates and requested the Executive Director's Report.

Executive Director's Report

- Interim Director Gates stated the following on record:
- "Hello and good afternoon, I've met most of you, I am Angie Gates, depending on the day/which hat I'm wearing I am the Director of the Office of Cable Television, Film Music and Entertainment (OCTFME) and the Interim Director for the Commission on the Arts and Humanities. Mayor Bowser appointed me in the Interim Director Role which became effective on June 3rd. I am excited to be here and will share with you a few things that has been going on:"
- Day 1: Walked in to asses and made the decision to meet with everyone on the CAH staff for one on one time to get to know everyone personally and professionally.
- Standard Operating Procedures and guidelines are being assessed as well
- Interim Director Gates current schedule is CAH on M, TU, TH and OCTFME on WED and FR
- Interim Director Gates attended the Finance Committee Meeting last week
- She stated that a Finance workshop will be held for Commissioners to explain how the budget is formulated and presented by Mayor Bowser to Council for approval. In addition an acronym sheet will be made available for all of the Commissioners, once the date is scheduled Chair Kendall will share the date with the Board.
- Interim Director Gates referenced that FY19 can be the "Year of the Arts" with the newly proposed \$30.6 million in budget awaiting approval in next few weeks
- 6/25/18 at 11:30 Quanice Floyd, a new candidate for the CAH Board will go before Council
- Introduced Kennisha Rainge and mentioned Kennisha's role serving as a liaison and will join Committees and provide reports with CAH staff and Board members
- Committee Reports: CAH staff are here
- 50th Anniversary- CAH will be coming up with a plan to celebrate 50 years
- Assesments- 4 L Approach
 - Listen- Director Gates has been doing a lot of listening with her one- on-ones with staff
 - Learn- Listening has helped her to learn more about CAH and the team that runs the day to day operations
 - Leverage- Leverage resources that we have collectively as a government
 - Launch- Launching projects and standard operating procedures
- Interim Director Gates shared a Father's Day gift with Commissioner's
- Chair Kendall thanked Interim Director Gates for her report
- Chair Kendall requested committee reports.

Finance Committee Report

- Commissioner Sattarnilasskorn would like to view the acronym sheet that was suggested by Director Gates and meet with the Agency Finance Officer.
- Commissioner Sattarnilasskorn requested that CAH Finance Manager Earica Busby report Finance updates and the new format
- Earica Busby reviewed sections to give an understanding of the agency operations budget
- Earica Busbywent line by line and showed the allotted budget and explained the expenditures

- Earica Busby explained that there is only 4% of grant budget available but the funds are dedicated
- Chair Kendall asked if the \$845,181 was allocated. Earica said yes and showed Chair Kendall where the funds were allocated in the budget.
- Earica Busby asked are there any questions?
- Commissioner Glymph asked why funds didn't match on both pages and Earica responded funds were reprogrammed so funds are pending and it will show soon
- Commissioner Starnilasskorn asked if there were any updates on the upstart for Life Pieces to Masterpieces? Earica says that she has not received updates
- Commissioner Starnilasskorn wanted to follow up because it's hanging out there, Earica says she has it noted
- Chair Kendall Any other questions for finance?
- Chair Kendall likes the two ways the report was given and documents provided
- Commissioner Friedman- Thanked Earica for adding comments to the budget sheet to help them follow along easier
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Grants and Panels Committee Report

- Chair Kendall asked if Commissioner Glymph or Wharton was presenting?
- Commissioner Wharton accepted
- Grantee Non-Compliance policy (Coming up with a policy for the applicants, once finished, it will be presented to the full Commission)
- Defining arts and humanities (Many grants say that you have to be an arts and humanities organization and by the time organizations research it they don't think they are eligible. The grants panel will be defining this clearly and present it for the Committee.
- Commissioner Friedman asked, "is there was a draft presented today?"
- Commissioner Wharton said, "No this isn't a draft at all and it's still being flushed."
- Grantee applications update on closed applications:
- Arts and Humanities fellowship and East of the River and Arts and Humanities Education have closed
- Applications have grown from 353 FY18 -403 FOR FY19 for a 12.4% increase
- AHEP has remained close to FY18 numbers PEF submissions showed a slight decrease
- Missing Commissioner Conveners for the following panel dates:
- 7/17- Chair Kendall will take
- 8/1-
- 8/9- Commissioner Banks will take the 9th
- 8/14-
- 8/22-
- Heran Sereke-Brhan: To Commissioner Fleet, the 2nd music panel date has been cancelled and Commissioner Fleet stated he would follow up with Commissioner Wharton
- Chair Kendall suggested we take care of this outside of the meeting offline. Commissioner Wharton stated that the convenue panel dates still needed would be sent out will send out.

Public Art Committee Report

- Chair Kendall called on Commissioner Gates and stated that the Public Art Committee would have a vote
- Commissioner Gates gave the Public Art update
- Commissioner Gates began speaking about a Murals DC Project with the Department of Corrections
- Commissioner Gates stated that the panel for met on June 11, 2018
- The application period ended on May 4, 2018 and closed on May 25
- Commissioner Gates stated that the space will be the first and last space that inmates see when they go to the Correctional Facility and they spend a lot of time in the common area where the artwork will be they are in the facility.
- Commissioner Gates mentioned that the artist's design is to widen the area
- Commissioner Gates read Artist statement and explained the space

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- Commissioner Gates stated that for security reasons the artist was not allowed in the space so Zoma Wallace (member of the CAH Public Art department) visited the space and drew up the design of the space so that the artists could have a template to work with.
- Commissioner Gates showed the winning design
- Commissioner Gates moved for the acceptance of DOC mural panel recommendation and to award the artist a grant for the amount of \$25,00
- Chair Kendall asked was there any discussion needed and moved to ask all those in favor
- *The motion carried: Unanimous.*
- Commissioner Wharton likes that we are giving the opportunity for other curators

Events Committee Report

- Chair Kendall asked Commissioner Miller to give the report for the Events Committee
- Commissioner Miller announced that Summer Set DC came to an end and that 12/15 of the performances occurred
- Commissioner Miller said the crowds weren't huge and that it's discussed every year whether to continue the Summer Set DC series because it doesn't get a huge following
- Commissioner Friedman wanted to know was this Summer Set series going to be evaluated if CAH would continue to spend money on it. Commissioner Miller says yes, it should be but it is somewhat out of our hands as Congress Woman Norton is strong about having it.
- Commissioner Miller also mentioned that the Summer Set is done in conjunction with DPR and Metro
- Chair Kendall asked that the history not be discussed in depth at the moment and that we move forward with the review
- Interim Director Gates stated that depending on the platform we could discuss later to see if it can be enhanced with 202 Creates
- Commissioner Miller stated that Congress Woman Norton likes the idea of having something for the federal workers who come out on the National Mall during lunch-time and she wants to sponsor that
- Chair Kendall asked Jeffrey Scott (CAH staff) how was Summer Set marketed
 - Posters in Smithsonian buildings around the Mall
 - Tourists were in and out and Federal workers don't
 - Weather: Several rain outs and heat outs in the past
- Chair Kendall: Do we need to go back to Public Art if they had any more to their report?
- Commissioner Gates mentioned guest curators and upcoming closings of grants
- Lauren Glover (CAH Public Art Department) stated that the Curatorial grant: We Got Next is a new program and it has been housed by Zoma Wallace and this is the second year of it. It has an incredible following.
- The next one coming up is from a Curator focusing on Multi-Media about Anacostia Maps
- Lauren Glover says the dates for all the upcoming Curator events and grants will be pushed out through the newsletter
- Commissioner Miller encourages everyone to visit the gallery space as Zoma Wallace works hard to get exhibits up

Arts Education Committee Report

- Chair Kendall called for the Arts Education Report
- Commissioner Friedman gave the report
- Commissioner Friedman stated to Director Gates and Kennisha Rainge that she wanted to have more input on the Arts Education Report
- Chair Kendall suggested discussing Commissioner Friedman's statement after the meeting
- Any Given Child meetings are finished for the year. We are looking to expand Any Given Child to a variety of stakeholders in the city
- Commissioner Friedman says that there has been an incredible amount of input from the community and a lot of survey's have been done. We have heard from schools and have been in contact with DCPS
- We have Art panels coming up, Field Trip Experiences, Teaching Fellowships, and in the fall we will have the National Education week.

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- Commissioner Friedman stated that we need to work on the Arts Education Symposium for the fall
- Commissioner Friedman asked David Markley to give a report on the Youth Creativity Summit
 - A little over 50 youth present
 - 4 young musicians and 2 poets that tied into theme of the day
 - Good turnout
 - Chair Kendall asked Karima did she have anything that she wanted to add to David's feedback
 - Karima Woods met Laurie from New York at the Summit and discussed ideas for next year. The young people and facilitators were very engaged
 - Kay asked about the budget for it- \$9,000
 - Commissioner Friedman wanted to know will it happen again next year
 - Interim Director Angie Gates - Suggests that next year CAH uses youth resources in the District Government that can be included and used for a better outreach

New and Unfinished Business

- Chair Kendall announced the yearly nominations and asked Commissioner Miller to begin the nominations
- Commissioner Miller introduced the nominations for Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer
- Commissioner Miller moved for the re-nominations the existing 3 members currently:
 - Commissioner Banks: Vice-Chair
 - Commissioner Sattarnilasskorn- Treasurer
 - Commissioner Rooney- Secretary
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friedman
- Chair Kendall asked if all was in favor
 - *The motion carried: Unanimous.*
- Chair Kendall expressed her thank you to Lawrence Green who stepped down from the CAH Board.
- Commissioner Ucles is recovering well from his foot operation
- Commissioner Friedman is continuing to recover
- Chair Kendall stated in reference to Commissioner Rooney that if anyone wants to send cards, that would be appropriate
- Commissioner Miller expressed the need for a new list of Commissioners with contact information
- Chair Kendall stated it's time to tweak the Committee members and that the next meeting will be held on July 18th
- Chair Kendall to Michael: Any highlights for the America's for the Arts
- Michael Bigley stated he was there for a day and stated that demonstration projects were discussed that would show how traumatic brain injury, PTSD, and the family connections coupled with the arts could be healing for those that are deployed or have deployed service members in their families.
- Chair Kendall thanked Michael Bigley for sharing his experience.
- Chair Kendall ended the meeting at 5:08pm

Adjournment

- Full meeting was adjourned at adjourned at 5:08 PM.
- The next Full Commission Meeting will be July 18, 2018 at 4:00PM.