Minutes
City of Aurora
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC)
Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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<th>Commissioners Present</th>
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<td>Commissioners Absent</td>
<td>Jean-Pierre Fodjouo, Stanley Tucker</td>
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<td>Jo McNeal, Karen Erdman (recording secretary)</td>
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Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30 p.m.

Action Item: Approve Agenda for March 13, 2024
donnie made the motion and Auset seconded to approve the Agenda for March 13, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Introduction to Jo McNeal, Deputy Director of Library Services
Jo introduced herself to the Commissioners in Ginger’s absence.

Discussion: Aaron Vega with the People’s Building
Aaron Vega gave a presentation about the People’s Building and what it offers to the ACAD area.

Discussion: Northwest Aurora Arts Grant applications
a. How is information disseminated among the commissioners?
   Auset wants to make sure all information that comes in is going out to all the commissioners. A discussion took place where they talked about detailing guidelines in the Policies and Procedures at the retreat.

   NAAG eligibilities are very broad for a reason. The purpose of the grant is to provide maximum diversity in applicants. Denying or canceling applications would be difficult outside of the rules stated in the application guidelines which do not detail ethics or artistic judgement or artistic differences within an organization. due to CAC and Urban Renewal ethics.

   A commissioner brought up the possibility of a conflict of interest for an applicant. There is nothing in the guidelines, so the chair suggested reviewing this at the annual retreat.
   Karen will invite Urban Renewal staff to the retreat.

Action Item: 2023 Northwest Aurora Arts Grant Funding Distribution Review and Disbursement Approval
Staff walked through the funding options and a discussion took place among the commissioners. Sethe made the motion and Sangita seconded that Option 1B is the approved disbursement method for the 2023 NAAG payments.
Reports – No reports were given at this meeting
Chair
Art in Public Places
Aurora Fox Arts Center
Art & Business Connection
Staff

Comments from commissioners – None at this time.

Public Comment – None at this time.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The purpose of the Cultural Affairs Commission is to provide ongoing systematic planning for the development of Cultural Arts activities within the city of Aurora; to implement the Cultural Arts Plan; to assist the many community cultural groups by providing needed overall resources; to stimulate community involvement and to enhance current cultural activities.

Chair Signature  

Date  5/8/2024

Director Administration  

Date  10/7/2024