

Board Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2019
Art Barn, 54 Finch Lane

PRESENT:	Matthew Castillo	Larry Cohen
	Efren Corado Garcia	Annie Dayton
	Jared Jones	Leah Langan
	Dave Mortensen	Katherine Potter (via phone)

Staff Members: Felicia Baca, Arts Division Director
Kelsey Elis, Assistant Director
Sarah Hobin, Visual Arts and Community Outreach Manager

EXCUSED: Kanika Welch

NOT PRESENT: Cassie Slattery

GUEST: Kristian Anderson, Senior Advisor for Arts and Culture

I. Call to Order and Welcome Guests

As Ms. Katherine Potter was out of town and attended the meeting via phone, Mr. Dave Mortensen called the meeting to order at approximately 5:34pm.

II. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Efren Corado Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 8th board meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Cohen.

III. Management Update

A. Executive Director Updates

1. Strategic Planning/Org Development – Ms. Felicia Baca reported moving forward with the McCarthy Plaza Regence Street Block 70 public art project located on the back of the Walker Center. No formal announcement has yet been made but the project has made significant strides after a five-year long process.
2. The Twilight Concert Series is going very well. Last week, ticket sales exceeded total ticket sales from last year. Sales are distributed more evenly across shows and while it does not necessarily equate to revenue, it is very exciting. The series has been a wonderful collaboration with numerous local non-profits including Spypop, KRCL, and YouthCity as well as the Mayor's office.

B. AC Programs Update

1. Ms. Sara Hobin shared the Art Barn is featuring a new exhibit by Elizabeth Matthews & Amy Bennion which explores multi-generational and mental health effects of domestic violence. The Arts Council partnered with the Utah

Domestic Violence Coalition and Salt Lake County Health Department to host domestic violence and suicide prevention trainings.

2. Finch Lane 2020 artists are currently signing contracts and the list will be released soon.
3. Staff is exploring ways to expand inter-disciplinary programming. Three week-long segments will be distributed throughout next year to focus on inter-disciplinary artists.
4. Mondays in the Park has been successful and is wrapping up.

C. Staffing Updates

1. Natalie Fawcett has accepted the Program Manager position. She is a Utah native but has been living in Santa Barbara for 15 years. She has a Masters in Ethnic Studies with an emphasis in American Indian Studies and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. She was the Associate Director of the Carsey-Wolf Center and has managed trade shows and conventions. Natalie is scheduled to start August 26th.

D. Mayor's Office Update

1. Mr. Kristian Anderson stated the United Nations conference will feature Living Traditions during a public component of the conference on August 26th. He thanked Felicia for her programming assistance.
2. The I Heart SLC sculpture is booked until February and is scheduled to be in every district. Please forward any inquiries or requests for the sculpture to the Mayor's office.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Grants Committee: City Arts grant approvals

1. Mr. Efren Corado Garcia reported the grants committee finished their review cycle which consisted of 124 submissions. The ask was \$800,000 and \$355,000 was allocated. Out of 39 general support grants, 36 were in alignment to receive funding. The committee is reviewing the first cycle of mini-grants for the year. Corado Garcia made a motion to approve grant recipients, Cohen seconded, all in favor.

V. Board Update

A. New Board Applications/Nominations

1. Ms. Katherine Potter put forward three renewing and four new board members for Mayor approval with only one member, Erica Hill requiring Council approval. Ms. Annie Dayton made a motion to move Erica Hill forward to the Mayor's office for approval, Mr. Jared Jones seconded, all in favor.

B. Committee discussion and process

1. The Council will consist for four committees this year: Executive, Grants, Nominating, and Strategic Planning & Community Engagement Advisory. The Nominating committee will include governance and will work on updating the bylaws. The Strategic Planning & Community Engagement Advisory Committee

was formally the Programming Committee and was changed in response to the Council's strategic planning goals. Staff reviewed time commitments of each committee. Baca requested Council contact her by September 1 to volunteer.

2. City & County Building Conservation & Use Committee
 - A. It is mandatory that a member of the Arts Council be appointed to attend the meetings of this committee which oversees the preservation and usage of Washington Square. The committee meets 4-6pm on Mondays. Corado Garcia offered to serve.

VI. Budget/Financial Update

- A. Ms. Ellis provided a review of budget actuals and balances.

VII. Public Comment – None given

VIII. Other business/Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30pm.