

Board Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2019
YouthCity Building, Liberty Park

PRESENT: Matthew Castillo Larry Cohen
Efren Corado Garcia Annie Dayton
Richard Jaramillo Jared Jones
Whitney King Hyans Leah Langan
Dave Mortensen Katherine Potter
Eva Rinaldi Kanika Welch
Chad Whitaker

Staff Members: Felicia Baca, Arts Division Director

NOT EXCUSED: Cassie Slattery

GUESTS: Ben Kolendar, Department of Economic Development

I. Call to Order and Welcome Guests

Ms. Katherine Potter called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01pm and introduced new board member, Jared Jones and welcomed guest, Ben Kolendar.

II. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Richard Jaramillo made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 12th board meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Efren Corado Garcia.

III. Management Update

A. Executive Director Updates

1. Strategic Planning/Org Development – Ms. Felicia Baca stated staff received approval from the Department of Economic Development to utilize funds remaining from the gap analysis to move forward with developing a strategic plan with assistance from Union Creative. Leftover funds will also be used to consult with a legal firm to ensure compliance as well as contracting with a city vendor to move forward with a marketing and communications plan.

B. Ben Kolendar, Department Updates

1. Mr. Kolendar provided an update from the Department of Economic Development. City Council recently supported an increase in program funding which is a testament to the great work of the Arts Council.
2. Lara Fritts, Director of Economic Development, resigned. Her last day is August 1.
3. Work to prepare for the mayoral transition will begin in the fall.

C. Mayor's Office Update

1. No update was given.

IV. Board Update

A. Board Applications Update

1. With four outgoing board members, the Nominating Committee is working to add three new members this fall. Six applications were submitted with three pending approval from the Mayor. Ms. Katherine Potter requested the board forward referrals of potential members to the Nominating Committee.

B. Departing Board Members and Thanks

1. After 6 years, Richard Jaramillo, Eva Rinaldi, Chad Whitaker, and Whitney Kings Hyans' terms have expired. Ms. Felicia Baca thanked each member for their contributions and presented gifts from local businesses including: Orchid Dynasty, V Chocolates, and Amour Spreads.

V. Public Comment – None given

VI. Other business/Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.