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ARTS COMMISSION
Monday, December 12, 2016
City Councilors' Conference Room
200 Lincoln Avenue
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5:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a) October 24, 2016
5. Report of Chair
6. Report of Director
7. Committee and Program Updates
 - a) Culture Connects Santa Fe Update
 - b) Gallery Report
8. Adjourn

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MINUTES

Arts Commission
Monday, December 12, 2016
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm

- 1) Call to Order
Chip Chippeaux, Chair for the Arts Commission called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm in the City Councilor's Conference Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Roll Call reflects lack of quorum.

- 2) Roll Call

Present:

Chip Chippeaux, Chair
Todd Lovato
Ashlyn Perry
Penelope Hunter-Stiebel

Not Present/Excused:

Kathlene Ritch
Bernadette Ortiz-Pena
Monique Anair
Shannan Campbell-Wells
Brian Vallo

Staff Present:

Debra Garcia y Griego, Executive Director, Arts Commission
Jacki Camborde, Arts Commission
Rod Lambert, Community Gallery
Julie Bystrom, Project Manager, Arts Commission

Others Present:

Fran Lucero, Stenographer

- 3) Approval of Agenda
No action, lack of quorum.
- 4) Approval of Minutes
October 24, 2016 – No action, lack of quorum
- 5) Report of Chair, Chip Chippeaux
Mr. Chippeaux informed the Arts Commission members that Ms. Bystrom would be retiring from the city in January, 2017. Wishes and thanks were extended to Ms. Bystrom for her commitment and never ending work ethic in supporting the Arts Commission. She will be missed by the Arts Commission staff and members.

Ms. Bystrom expressed her thanks to the Arts Commission members and staff and expressed her gratitude for the time she worked with all. She stated, "We have an incredible staff and Arts Commission members". She foresees that Santa Fe will be recognized in the future as the Nation's best Art Commission and cultural hub. Ms. Bystrom was presented with a token of appreciation, thank you.

The Chair asked for an update for the Collaborative Arts project.

Ms. Garcia y Griego stated that they had interviews set with 3 candidates, 2 had a conflict of interest with the applicants. Ms. Garcia y Griego will call the candidates to let them know that the interviews and reviews have been postponed until January, 2017. Administratively, time will be spent to review the scope for the time period and if necessary re-write the contract for the agreed term. The conversation with the Purchasing Director had some ramifications and it was recommended that more time be spent on the process to review grants. Ms. Garcia y Griego is researching the opportunity of possibly having this contract go in to two years. This information will be shared with the Funding Policy Committee.

6) Report of Director – Debra Garcia y Griego

Ms. Garcia y Griego echoed the sentiments from the Arts Commission members on the retirement of Ms. Julie Bystrom. Thank you so much for all the hard work and the contributions she has made not only to the Arts Commission but to the City of Santa Fe during her 30 year tenure.

A Retirement Party will be held on January 10, 2017 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the Gallery to celebrate Julie Bystrom and all were invited to attend.

Ms. Garcia y Griego invited the Arts Commission members to the “Breakfast Burrito” event at the Gallery this Thursday from 9:00 am – 10:30 am. It is a favored event and looks forward to seeing everyone there.

Ms. Garcia y Griego informed the commission that she will be working on the staffing plan. Ms. Garcia y Griego asked the Arts Commission members to reach out to their State Legislators during this 60-day session as the Department of Cultural Affairs is experiencing drastic budget cuts. This will affect the Arts Commission as the current year grants could be reduced.

NDI thank you cards were circulated as received.

7) Committee and Program Updates

A. Culture Connects Santa Fe Update

Ms. Garcia y Griego expressed her thanks to Ms. Hunter-Stiebel who has been the Arts Commission representative during this process and contributed her time and expertise. We are now ready to move forward.

Ms. Garcia y Griego went through a slide presentation which she will send to the Arts commission members via e-mail for their review.

Her report covered the following topic areas:

1. Timeline
In discussing the timeline Ms. Garcia y Griego did say that the gap from the summer when the plan was finalized to date provided a thorough work group review.
2. Public Engagement
Proud level of engagement
3. Research and Benchmarking
4. Statement of Values
Guiding principles for the plan
5. Themes
Parallel to policy planks.

6. A City of Contradictions
Mapping was a tangible representation
7. Cultura Cura / Culture Heals
8. Roadmap
9. Next Steps

Ms. Garcia y Griego said that if there are other resources, where do we use them? She would like to have a term position funded for 2-3 years for an individual to work with the community and create a strong partnership. Having a full time dedicated person would move Culture Connect forward. This individual would also be able to concentrate on funding as the city should not be the only funding source.

In discussing Strategies the following are the sub-sets:

- People – Young people and culture
- Place – Public gathering spaces
- Practice – Bring to community, cultural endeavors
- Policy – Directed to city operation → culturally relevant curriculum.

In total there were 28 recommendations and over 100 ideas. Estevan also included an implementation plan.

Ms. Garcia y Griego stated that the work is moving in the right direction and it is in alignment with the current Arts Commission. A positive attribute is that it will establish a focused departmental relationship. Outlined next steps; introduction of the Resolution by the Mayor accompanied by Fiscal Impact Report and conduct Constituent meetings to include preview to key constituents/advocacy groups. This item will be on the January, 2017 Arts Commission agenda for review and approval → Finance Committee → City Council for final approval.

The Chair asked how we will report back to the Stakeholders. Ms. Garcia y Griego said that the results will follow through on social media, meeting with constituents and working group and contacts. The Mayor has also mentioned the creation of a Culture Connect Working Group and she reiterated that the Arts Commission is the owner of this plan.

B. Gallery Report

The Common Ground, which was the postcard competition – Once Upon a Time was successful in the gallery. There were approximately 50 people who responded for this post card project. There will be 5 post cards per packet and sold in the Gallery. They are in process with the printing company and should be available within the 1st quarter of 2017 for sale.

There is an opening on Friday, “Breaking the Block” which is Artists confronting creative obstacles. We have asked 20 Artist to go in to their studios and find a piece they have struggled with or felt it was unfinished and finish them. This is a really good show, their pieces are large and 20 artists was the right number to participate.

Social Media, we did a Mannequin Challenge during the setup of the exhibit to include staff, some of the artists and some from the Tourist center. We did a prop and posted it on Facebook. You set up the Scenario / Criteria that help people walk thru. Still pictures, creates a strong presence on Facebook and it exposes it to more people. Opening is on Friday from 5-7 pm.


The Gallery was featured in the Feliz Navidad edition, thank you to Rod.


Rod shared the information for the fall 2017 exhibit, Inside]Out – the heART of mental illness. This is a core program of Compassionate Touch Network, a Santa Fe based 501©3 nonprofit that promotes mental health literacy for youth, teens, and adults through education and the arts. Our primary focus is on the public health challenge of mental illness, suicide and stigma.

8) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Arts Commission, the Chair called for adjournment at 6:15 pm.

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Chip Chuppeaux, Chair

Fran Lucero, Stenographer