



CULTURAL COMMISSION BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 17, 2022

Attendees: Melissa T. Fort, Mark Elzy, Jeff Pilze, Shweta Shukla, Angelique Rouse-Jones, Katherine Murphy, Alderman Tom Crumpler, Faisal Rashid, Staff: Anthony Nelson, Shannon R. Jones, No Public Comments

Mission Statement:

The Bloomington Cultural Commission, through advocacy, education and support, is dedicated to inspiring accessible and diverse artistic and cultural experiences, thus enhancing the value of the community's creative and economic life.

Next Meeting January 19, 2022, at 7:30 a.m.

General Discussion:

- October minutes approved.
 - Brief introductions of commissioners and guests Katherine Murphy, Alderman Tom Crumpler and Faisal Rashid.
 - Katherine Murphy reaches out to State Farm about collaborating with the City of Bloomington for the Chevron Event Series. The series would include 3 new festivals, 2025 Global Music and Arts, 2024 Irish Fest, and 2023 Hullabaloo Back to School Event.
 - State Farm will be asked to donate \$500,000 annually which would help seed festivals. However more sponsorships will be required to fund the events.
 - In January the Commission will discuss how they can contribute to the festivals and event planning.
 - The commission continues efforts to fill vacancies and fulfill their mission statement.
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