

Cultural District Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7:30 am

Commissioners present: Alex Cardona, Judy Markowitz, Mike Kerber, Karen Schmidt, Vicki Tilton, Carole Ringer, Carol Baker, Jim Waldorf, Roger Elliott, Matt Giordano

Staff present: Dave Young, Graham Cowger, Beverly Spencer, Brandy Maloney, Erin Mangian, Eric Veal, Tina Salamone

Jim Waldorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

The BCPA's newest staff member, Development Director Graham Cowger, was introduced to the commission and the commission to him.

Carole Ringer moved to approve the March meeting minutes. Karen Schmidt seconded. With no one opposed, the motion carried.

The staff reviewed recent events. Much of the month of March was occupied by the Passion Play. There are two Spotlight performances of Peter Pan today, and Steve Eggleston's final concert at the BCPA on Friday evening.

Matt Giordano gave an overview of the recent budget meetings as he attended all three of them. There was a Council work session on Monday, a Town Hall with Aldermen Lower and Stearns on Tuesday, and a Town Hall with Black, Sage, and Schmidt on Wednesday. There was much conversation amongst the commission regarding the budget and various proposals. City Council meets again on Monday, April 14 to discuss options.

Tina Salamone will distribute her talking points from a recent Rotary meeting to the commission.

Eric Veal explained the upcoming School Sculptures event, including the student participation during the beginning of next week and the show A Perfect Balance on Thursday, April 17.

The Creativity Center will be home to a portion of the School Sculptures events, a jazz camp that Steve Larson is attempting to put together, as well as summer theatre activities.

Enough tickets have been sold to the upcoming B.B. King event that the artist fee has been covered. There are now 260 seats available for purchase. Tina is preparing a statement regarding the nature of his performance, given a recent AP article that was picked up by the Pantagraph.

Jim Waldorf reported that the process is ongoing to establish the 501c3.

In new business, an inquiry was made as to when the Creativity Center's roof was going to be replaced. Tina Salamone said she anticipated the replacement in the fall of this year.

This meeting was Jim Waldorf's last as chairperson. The commission and staff thanked him for his service. Vicki Tilton will serve the role of chairperson for the next term.

Matt Giordano asked if it was appropriate to establish a “Friends of the BCPA” Facebook page to help spread awareness of the BCPA and its mission, especially during the ongoing budget discussions. The commission was in agreement that this was a good idea, and Matt agreed to spearhead the initiative.

With no further business, Jim Waldorf made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mike Kerber (?). The meeting adjourned at 8:49 am.