



Baltimore County Commission on Arts & Sciences

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Minutes

In Attendance: Commission members Chris Norman, David Ninos, Jane Michael, Gabriel Purviance, Susan Kirchner, Glenn Evans, Michelle McCallum, Carolyn Black Sotir, Fronda Cohen, Director

Carolyn Black-Sotir, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Minutes from December 2017 were accepted and adopted.

FY19 Project Grant Committee Recommendations

The committee chairs presented funding recommendations for 39 project grant applications for arts activities taking place in Baltimore County. The recommendations to the full Commission were based on grant review by individual commissioners and review and discussion in discipline committees.

Music	Gabe Purviance
Theater & Dance	Susan Kirchner [representing chair Cheryl Pasteur]
Visual Arts	Michelle McCallum
Science & History	Chris Norman

The Commission voted to adopt the committee's funding recommendations, attached. [Commission member Lee Mintz called in and voted to adopt the committee recommendations.]

Engagement & Outreach Criteria

The Commission voted to adopt the following clarifying language describing an applicant's engagement and outreach efforts. This language will be used in grant applications and any other criteria or grant eligibility documents effective immediately.

Describe your multi-cultural engagement, programming and successes. This should include a description of how your organization is proactively reaching out to meet the needs of underserved, marginalized and diverse populations who by virtue of their age, income, locale, physical or developmental ability, or any other characteristic, have fewer opportunities, less visibility and limited access to programs available to the general public.

[Commission member Lee Mintz called in and voted to adopt.]

Site Visits

The following site visits were approved as part of the Commission's due diligence and to further dialogue between the Commission and its grantees. Commission members, as noted, will arrange visits between July 16 and August 9 to allow the maximum number of Commission members to attend. Visits at 3:00 p.m. or later have proven most convenient for Commission members who work. All Commission members are invited to attend each visit, with scheduling preference for members of the committee under which each organization falls. Fronda Cohen will attend all site visits.

Organization to Visit

Maryland Zoo

Hampton Historic Site

Natural History Society of MD

Walters 1 West Mt. Vernon

Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 26

Scheduler

Glenn Evans

Gabe Purviance

Michelle McCallum

Frona Cohen

Dance Educators Training Institute Susan Kirchner
(a program of ClancyWorks)

Patapsco Heritage Greenway (PHG) Frona Cohen

Frona Cohen will speak to PHG about whether there is a specific location that showcases the organizations diverse work, or whether a virtual meeting or presentation at a commission meeting would be more meaningful.

In fall, when programming resumes:

Children's Chorus of MD

Michelle McCallum

Magical Experiences Arts Company Frona Cohen

Activity Updates

Frona Cohen

Take a Leap Baltimore County Dance Celebration

Planning is underway for the sixth Celebration, with an expanded planning committee that includes private studios and other community partners. The Gordon Center for Performing arts will present Koresh Dance Company as the centerpiece of the Celebration, with a public performance, dance residency in County schools and special free performance for BCPS dance students.

Patapsco Arts & Entertainment District

At the request of the Baltimore County Arts Guild, the County submitted an application to the State to designate an Arts & Entertainment District in the Arbutus/Catonsville area, including parts of UMBC. The State is limited by law in the number of Districts approved each round. The proposed district was not accepted in the April, 2018 round. The Maryland State Arts Council review committee recommended additional work to strengthen the application and encouraged re-application during another eligibility cycle.

Maryland State Arts Council

It is anticipated that the County's Community Arts Development (CAD) grant from the State will increase by about \$7,000. This will allow for more project grant funding for arts activities taking place in the County.

Arts Link-Arts in Education

A meeting with Maryland State Arts Council Arts in Education programmer Christine Stewart, a representative from Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance (AEMS), and BCPS fine arts coordinators will be scheduled.

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