



Board Members Present: Jannet Walker-Ford, *Chair*, Ann Carey, Ari Jolly, David Faliszek, Diana Donovan, Kemal Gasper, Karen Feagins, Kirsten Doolittle, Lisa Moore, Ryan Ali

Board Members Absent: Sandra Hull-Richardson, Chris Lazzara

City Council Liaison Present: Michael Boylan

Legislative Liaison Absent: Audrey Gibson

Staff Members Present: Amy Palmer, Ellen Cottrill, Glenn Weiss, Joy Young, Megan Reid

Guests: Talitha Mitchner

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- A. Call to Order.....9:05 AM**
Jannet Walker Ford called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM with a quorum present. The board chair thanked the finance committee for their work.
- B. Chair’s Report - Jannet Walker Ford.....9:07 AM**
The chair gave her report on the staff and programs. She is thankful for the current state of the arts and the Artist Relief Fund. She announced that the virtual Arts Awards event will be hosted on September 2nd and further described how the arts and culture section is affected. The board chair gave accolades to the staff on behalf of the board of directors.
- C. Approval of Minutes.....9:14 AM**
Jannet Walker Ford made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Kemal Gasper seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.
- D. Finance Committee Revised Budget Presentation - Lisa Moore.....9:15 AM**
Lisa Moore spoke to the work that the Finance Committee has done to make budget recommendations in light of COVID-19. The committee discussed the employee retention tax credit versus the paycheck protection program considerations. The paycheck protection program was recommended by the finance committee and approved by the executive committee. The executive director spoke through the revised and approved budget. Jannet Walker Ford spoke through the detail that went into the decision to approve the revised budget. She thanked the finance chair and the executive director for their diligence. The executive director specified that the paycheck protection program will be used towards employee paychecks and rent. The immediate past chair spoke to the realistic budget and the changes that have been made this year. Lisa Moore commented on the transparency of the budget.
- E. Mid-Year Report & State of Affairs - Joy Young.....9:35 AM**
The executive director gave accolades to the finance committee for their hard work in achieving an adequate and sustainable budget, an effective development strategy, and investment in the arts. The executive director reviewed programming and funding, including: cultural equity and inclusiveness, purposely commissioning artists with a cultural heritage, information resource and promoter of the arts from the Artist Directory and calendar to help engage the community, courthouse plaza project, serving artists, developing internal capacity, building

administrative and organizational systems, contract requirements, and an adaptive strategic plan. The board chair would like more discussion to ensure best practice for contractual practices. Ari would like to be present for this discussion. For the next board meeting, the board chair would like to see milestones and completion dates.

F. Committee Chair Reports.....10:14 AM

Executive Committee: Jannet Walker Ford discussed the changes made and the next executive committee meeting to have a discussion around executive director compensation and would like in person meetings around this topic.

Development Committee: Diana Donovan announced that the press release and nominations are open. There will be prerecorded videos partnered with interactive streaming with LOL Jax and the DuPont Center. The committee is working to have ambassador outreach to expand the virtual handprint. The awards themselves will be glass sculptures by local artist Mean Reid. Diana Donovan encouraged the board to consider nominations for the Arts Awards.

Governance Committee: Ari Jolly spoke that they are still looking for two nominees, one on the board and one mayoral appointment. Ari Jolly asked the board for a submission of names. The governance committee will meet ahead of their next scheduled meeting in August so that they can bring recommendations to the board, a finance background was suggested, but it is not necessary. There is a preference to bring the new members on for the October meeting. Ari Jolly discussed the agenda for the board retreat and suggested a governance 101 and discussed an in kind presentation from an outside law firm. She is asking Carli Miller to present on ethics and sunshine obligations and is looking for further input from the board. It was suggested to set aside time for strategic planning and have a motivational speaker.

G. New Business (action)- Jannet Walker Ford.....10:30 AM

On behalf of the finance committee, Lisa Moore made a motion to officially add Kemal Gasper to the finance committee, Kirsten Doolittle seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

H. Public Comment - No comment was made.10:35 AM

I. Adjourn.....10:36 AM

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 AM.