
Board Members Present: Jannet Walker Ford, Sel Buyuksarac, Karen Feagins, Kemal Gasper, Ari Jolly
Board Members Virtual: Ryan Ali, Lisa Johnson, Chris Lazzara, Jeff Strohecker
Board Members Absent: Kirsten Doolittle, Adriel Rocha, David Faliszek
City Council Liaison Absent: CM Kevin Carrico
Legislative Liaison Present: Representative Angie Nixon (Aide in Attendance)
Staff: Diana Donovan, Amy Palmer, Nan Kreamer, Ashley Wolfe, Kim Hurt, Ashanta Williamsmon (virtual)
Guests Present: Rachel Mincey (Lazzara asst.- virtual)

A. Call to Order at 1:10 PM

Jannet Walker Ford called the meeting to order at **1:26 PM** with a quorum present. Chairwoman Walker-Ford called roll.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

Jannet Walker Ford made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Ari Jolly seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Chair's Report

Chairwoman Walker Ford thanked Councilman Boylan's leadership in securing the COJ CARES Act for \$800k distribution to Cultural Service Grantees.

Chairwoman Walker Ford welcomed new Board Member Councilmember Kevin Carrico and congratulated the new members joining the APP and CSGP committees.

Chairwoman Walker Ford recognized Director Gaspar for participating in securing Soutel Road funding; Director Feagins in the San Marco Art Selection Panel and project; Director Rocha in the Hispanic Heritage mural at duPont Middle School as well as the Arts + Football campaign; Director Buyuksarac's address at the Jumbo Shrimp game; and congratulated Director Doolittle's on her birthday.

Chairwoman Walker-Ford also discussed the Board Dues , as well as the CCGJ Board Assignments--until end of September FY 20-21 ensuring 100% compliance. Nan Kreamer will email all board members an invoice.

Chairwoman Walker Ford announced the Legends Community Center Dedication will take place Friday, July 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM. A calendar invite was sent to the board.

D. CCGJ Leadership Report

Executive Director Donovan gave the Executive Director's Report presentation that included information on the CSG Program, the Public Art Program, Art See & Shop, and current public-private partnerships.

Director Jolly requested the board receive updates on a future Art See & Shop to help spread the word on opportunities.

Director Lazzara asked for clarification on the acronym BIPOC --Executive Director Donovan provides the definition as "Black and Indigenous People of Color."

Director Feagins recommended the APP and CSG Committees' Chairs join the next CCGJ Board meeting in August.

Director Jolly supported the need for a Director of Development. Director Feagins followed up with a request if there is current documentation of a cost vs what the Cultural Council has paid for that role previously--Executive Director Donovan referenced the information on pages 24-25 of the presentation and notes that the City leadership wants the Cultural Council to hire a Director of Development.

E. Committee Reports

Governance:

Director Jolly gave a brief update on the Governance Committee.

Development & Arts Awards:

Director Gaspar announced that the annual Arts Awards will be held at the 100 West Bay of Vystar Tower and Parking Garage which has been donated in kind.

Director Feagins thanked Director Gaspar for making the arrangements and the goal is to make the awards nominees feel honored and give the sponsors the recognition. Winners will be announced at the event and the 2020 Winners will be presenting the 2021 awardees to recognize both. Director Walker Ford also wanted to recognize the 2020 sponsors at this year's Arts Awards.

The Arts Awards will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 7:30 PM, Vystar is the title sponsor. The theme of the year is "Ignite". Thank you to Director Lazzara's commitment to sponsor. PNC will be voting on a sponsorship soon. A donation from Manifest Distillery is underway. Bread and Board will work with us to stay on budget.

Tickets are currently \$150. There may be an opportunity to lower prices for day-of attendance, fundraising, and half-price tickets for creatives (creatives must be registered on the CCGJ Artist registry. Other amenities that will be available are:

- Valet Parking
- Tables, chairs, and Highboys.
- Stage will have the riverbank as a backdrop
- Nominations for awardees will open 8 weeks ahead of time.

Board assistance requested to help with the Potential Donor/Sponsor List--packets will be sent out soon.

Finance:

Director Moore reported we expect a great year and will be staying on budget. This is contingent on the Arts Awards to complete the finance report for the end of the fiscal year. Additionally, the Cultural Council needs to have a sustainable plan for the required staffing as well as alternatives.

Nan Kreamer gave the finance report on where CCGJ is and what is forecasted.

F. Public Comment

No comment was made.

G. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at **3:00 PM**.

Second invite or extend the next board meeting to talk about Motion to Adjourn by Jannet. Seconded by Kemal Gaspar.