

## **Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting**

### **October 3, 2022**

**Attendees:** M Cajigas, P. Dunn, L. Gold, J. Hameen, R. Immer, A Norcott, F. Vignola B. Schaffer

**Absent:** A Guzhnay

**Staff:** A. Jefferson, K. Futrell

**Guests:** Calvin Ramsey

4:36pm meeting called to order by P. Dunn

#### **I. Minutes**

P. Dunn called for a motion to approve the September minutes. Motioned by L. Gold, seconded by J. Hameen. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **II. Directors Report**

The Department is hiring a special funded position to assist with the next round of ARPA funding. The application deadline is October 21.

The Department has received another grant from Tremaine Foundation in support of implementation of elements within the cultural equity plan.

The Tree Lighting will be held Thursday, December 1 on the lower Green. Holiday Village shopping by Small Business will begin the evening of the lighting through Saturday, December 3.

Additional grant and RFP opportunities will be issued as part of the \$1million in ARPA funding recently approved by the Alders. The offerings will be in alignment with cultural equity plan initiatives. A Jefferson will share the offerings with the Commission in the next meeting.

The Department is part of the discussion around a future project to renovate the armory. The project will cost millions and may take several years to initiate.

#### **III. Old Business**

Neighborhood Cultural Vitality Grant Program – The revised grants program received positive feedback include on the state level. As of the meeting time, thirty-three applicants have submitted their applications with another sixty in the cue. Many applicants are applying for the first time. The application deadline is later this evening. Staff will share final numbers after the deadline.

Wooster Square Monument- The Commission's approval of the Massaro monument has been forwarded to the Board of Alders for approval. Members discussed formally speaking in favor of the piece to assist with necessary approvals. Staff notify members when assistance is requested.

#### **IV. New Business**

None discussed.

#### **V. Public Comment**

Calvin Ramsey discussed his upcoming Bouchet play and interest in obtaining a local venue for showing. Members provided recommendations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:24pm. L. Gold, seconded by M. Cajigas

**NEXT MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022**