

Agenda Item #1
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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK**

MEETING DATE: January 26, 2016 – 7:00 PM
MEETING LOCATION: Highland Park City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., Chair Arena called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chair Arena, Vice Chair Stern, Commissioner Kaufman, Commissioner Lynch, Commissioner Neumann, Commissioner Ricciardelli, Student Representative Canel, Student Representative Cohen

Members Absent: Commissioner Pierce

Liaisons Present: Deputy City Manager Espiritu, Staff Liaison Smith, BEDC Liaison Hart

Liaisons Absent: Council Liaison Knobel

Chair Arena declared that a quorum was present.

II. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no business from the public presented for consideration or discussion.

III. Scheduled Business

**1. Consideration and recommendations for the distribution of \$4,365 of
Community Arts Access Funds from the Illinois Arts Council (IAC) as part
of the 2015 Purchase of Service Grant Program**

Chair Arena introduced the first topic of scheduled business.

Staff Liaison Smith explained that funding was received as a transfer of the National Endowments of the Arts (NEA) funds to the Illinois Arts Council (IAC); normally funds are received in September.

Chair Arena clarified that the commission had previously decided in October that the IAC grant money would be allocated to those organizations that applied for Purchase of Service grants the previous year and did not get awarded their full request.

Through discussion the following distribution was suggested: \$1,000 for The Art Center, \$500 for the Historical Society, \$1,250 for Muse of Fire, \$300 for Patrons of the Arts,

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\$500 for Pilgrim Chamber Players, \$300 for Tri-Con/Community Nursery, and \$515 for the Library.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lynch, seconded by Vice Chair Stern to enact the distribution as discussed above.

Ayes: Chair Arena, Vice Chair Stern, Kaufman, Lynch, Neumann, Ricciardelli

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Staff Liaison Lee suggested that Corporate Council Hart prepare a Resolution to be presented to the City Council at the February 8, 2016 meeting, the organizations should be notified of the recommendation being considered, and the grant agreements should be revised with a one-page addendum.

Deputy City Manager Espiritu notified the group that the paperwork to accept the grant money has been mailed.

2. Continuing discussion about prioritizing implementation of objectives from the Cultural Arts Plan.

Chair Arena provided a list of tactics that were mentioned at the last meeting that the CAC is hoping to help the City accomplish in the coming years. His goal was to identify which tactics could be accomplished this year and which should be saved for future years.

Chair Arena asked if he thought HPCAN would be able to do some of the work. Commissioner Lynch responded that, historically, the commission has not had success when reaching out to HPCAN for assistance. Chair Arena recommended sharing the Plan with HPCAN members as a first step to open a discussion. Staff Liaison Smith volunteered to reach out to HPCAN. He added that he provided Deputy City Manager Espiritu a list of several hundred people who have participated with the CAC in the past as well as other arts-interested people.

Commissioners made suggestions on the list and identified those they would consider leading on; Chair Arena agreed to produce a document for sharing at the next meeting.

3. Discussion pertaining to planning for potential summer concert series in conjunction with Billy Corgan.

Chair Arena asked for updates pertaining to the concert series with Billy Corgan.

Vice Chair Stern responded that she has not been successful in connecting with Corgan and she is hoping Mayor Rotering will be able to help.

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Chair Arena responded that he would like to get a better idea of what Corgan is will to commit to in order to build a plan including schedule, budget, and scope for the endeavor.

Commissioner Neumann suggested putting something in writing for him to review.

Commissioner Ricciardelli suggested that aiming for next summer might be more realistic.

V. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaufman, seconded by Commissioner Ricciardelli to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Chair Arena, Stern, Kaufman, Lynch, Neumann, Ricciardelli

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.