



motion to approve Susanna as the recipient of the Mayor's Award for the Arts. Commissioner Ricciardelli seconded the motion; the nomination passed with a 3-2 vote.

**4. Discussion of Arts Month Activities**

**a. Arts Month Highlander Insert**

Staff Liaison Garard informed the group that she is finalizing the insert for the 2016 October Highlander.

**b. Harvest & Harmony Festival**

Councilman Knobel discussed the Harvest & Harmony event which will be held September 23-24 in the Ravinia Business District and sponsored by the Ravinia SSA, which was administered by the City. She recommended the Commission attend and help promote the event since it encourages the arts and because the City administered the SSA and TIF.

**5. Preliminary Discussion Purchase of Service (POS) Grant Program: 2015-16 Final Reports and 2016-17 Applications**

*Commissioner Stern arrives at 7:50 p.m.*

Commissioner Pierce asked about Musically Human Theater's application and if they are working with a fiscal agent. Chair Arena explained that they applied using an established 501(c)3 in New York and it is unknown where they are in their own 501(c)3 application process. Commissioner Pierce stated that the Illinois Arts Agency will not give money to someone working with a fiscal agent. Councilman Knobel suggested they might be more qualified for a Spark Grant since they aren't currently a 501(c)3. Chair Arena agreed and recommended Musically Human Theater apply for a Spark Grant immediately.

Chair Arena reminded the commission that there is \$25,000 to allocate and the requests received total just over \$46,000.

Muse of Fire, Ravina Nursery School and the Library did not reapply for grants; all other 2016 applicants reapplied. Commissioner Neumann suggested reaching out to new applicants for the grant in the future. Councilman Knobel suggested contacting the people who did not apply to find out why they dropped out. Staff Liaison Garard suggested drafting a new application form to reduce photo copying, making applying easier to attract more applicants.

**6. Art Is Alive Art Contest Planning**

Commissioner Neumann updated the group on Art Is Alive planning. TAC will be doing a call for submissions; the deadline is usually the first Saturday in December. Accepted art will be dropped off January 11 and the award ceremony will likely be held Friday, January 13. She has made contact with School District 112 and the PTO and will communicate the dates and event info once finalized via Virtual Backpack.

Commissioner Neumann continued that they need to get names for judges. The Commission recommended the following: Karen Echt, Nina Weiss, James Lambert, Sharon Rosenzweig, Beth Shadur, Art or Richard Shay, Judith Roth, Amy Amdur, Suzanne Horwitz, Amranis, Lauren Segil, Marita Poll, Evan Kane, Nelson Armour, Martha Abelson, and Student Commissioner Canel.

Commissioner Neumann discussed some changes for this year's event including digital submissions.

**7. Mid-Century Walking Tour Update**

Commissioner Stern reported that the Mid-Century Walking Tour event will take place on October 9. They are making a promotional poster and are looking for volunteers for the day of the event. The Commission will provide Walking Tour brochures. It was suggested that the CAC could compile the information from the tour to use in the future as a historical reference and tourist attraction.

**8. Highland Park's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2019**

Councilman Knobel reported she is meeting with the Mayor and City Manager to discuss preliminary plans. They will be asking all Commissions to participate in the event. Event ideas were discussed.

**9. Chairman's Report**

Chair Arena reported that he has been invited to go talk about plans at Ravinia.

Commissioner Pierce reported that Arts Midwest gave a grant to the Morton Arboretum to do an interactive style play about the environment and it was terrific. Chair Arena added that Arts Midwest worked with a local chorus, local actors, and offered classes to local artists.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Arena announced the resignation of Commissioner Stern. Commissioner Stern explained that she is moving out of the City and thus is required to resign.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Kaufman motioned to adjourn the meeting; Vice Chair Stern seconded the motion; the group agreed to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. with a 5-0 vote.