

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CULTURAL ARTS
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS**

MEETING DATE Thursday, October 6, 2016

MEETING LOCATION Pre-Session Conference Room,
City Hall 1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, IL

CALL TO ORDER Chair Arena called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Councilman Alyssa Knobel, Chair Jeffrey Arena, Vice Chair Catherine Ricciardelli, Commissioner James Lynch, Commissioner Judith Kaufman, Staff Liaison Hayley Garard

Members Absent: Library Ex Officio Beth Keller, Commissioner Abby Neumann, Commissioner Rhoda Pierce, Commissioner Marita Poll, Student Representative Leah Canel

Chair Arena declared that a quorum was present.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Grant applicant representatives Laura Barquin, Family Network; Eve Mangurten, Historical Society Representative; Karen Dennis, Midwest Young Artist Conservatory (MYAC); Judith Kaufman, East on Central; and James Lynch, Musically Human Theater, introduced themselves and discussed their initiatives with the Commission.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2016

Amendments to the meeting minutes were suggested. Commissioner Ricciardelli moved to accept the meeting minutes as amended; Commissioner Kaufman seconded the motion. The motion passed, 3-0.

2. Consideration of Purchase of Service Grant Applications

a. The Art Center – Highland Park

The Art Center (TAC) requested a \$10,000 grant for the Focus on Youth & Joyeria (Jewelry) program. The Commission recommended TAC be awarded \$5,500.

b. East on Central

Commissioner Kaufman left the room for this discussion. East on Central requested a \$2,000 grant for production of their annual literary journal. The Commission recommended East on Central be awarded \$2,000.

c. Family Network/ Family Focus

Family Network/Family Focus requested a \$1,500 grant to support their music and movement class for low-income Latino families. The Commission recommended Family Network/Family Focus be awarded \$1,500.

d. Focus on the Arts

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Focus on the Arts requested an \$8,000 grant for their 2017 Opening Night event. The group was reminded that Focus is a biennial event. The Commission recommended Focus on the Arts be awarded \$4,000.

e. Highland Park/Highwood Home Childcare Assn.

Highland Park/Highwood Home Childcare Association requested a \$2,000 grant for their Music Visitor program. The Commission recommended Highland Park/Highwood Home Childcare Association be awarded \$1,000.

f. Highland Park Historical Society

The Highland Park Historical Society requested a \$4,359 grant for continued digitization of the Society's collection of rare glass slides and photographic incunabula. The Commission recommended the Highland Park Historical Society be awarded \$2,000.

g. Midwest Young Artists

Midwest Young Artists Conservatory requested a \$3,000 grant for their free holiday community concerts held on December 11 and 18, 2016. The Commission recommended Midwest Young Artists be awarded \$2,000.

h. Musically Human

Commissioner Lynch left the room for this discussion. Musically Human Theater requested a \$5,000 grant for their five-week run theatre production of Next to Normal. They are a new applicant and have not secured their non-profit status. The Commission recommended Musically Human be awarded \$1,000 contingent on securing their 501(c)(3) status.

i. Patrons of the Arts

Patrons of the Arts requested a \$1,300 grant to support their "Art for All" program. The Commission recommended Patrons of the Arts be awarded \$1,200.

j. Pilgrim Chamber Players

Pilgrim Chamber Players requested a \$5,500 grant for their 2015-16 concert season. The Commission recommended Pilgrim Chamber Players be awarded \$2,500.

k. Tri-Con/Highland Park Community Nursery School

Tri-Con/ Highland Park Community Nursery School requested a \$4,000 grant to support their series of fine arts and cultural events for students and families. The Commission recommended Tri-Con/ Highland Park Community Nursery School be awarded \$2,300.

Chair Arena stated that an initiative for next year is to research all the overlapping granting organizations in the area and identify opportunities for efficiency in the overall granting process. Councilman Knobel added that the City Council supports this initiative.

Commissioner Lynch moved to accept; Commissioner Kaufman seconded the motion. The motion passed, 3-0.

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3. Art Is Alive Contest Discussion

None - Commissioner Abby Neumann not present for report.

4. Chairman's Report

Chair Arena reported that he met with the Mayor last month and she requested that the CAC participate in the Legal Aide Clinic's Naturalization Ceremony to help expand it to celebrate diversity throughout the community.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Knobel reported that the Legal Aid Clinic is holding their big fundraiser and they were hoping the CAC could help them find someone to create a short film about their work pro bono. She added that all Commissioners should have received an invitation to the Highland Park Business Summit being held on October 26 at the Highland Park Country Club to discuss the City's business climate with keynote speaker Howard Tullman.

Commissioner Ricciardelli reminded the Commission that the Midwest Modernist Tour in Ravinia is this weekend. Chair Arena added that they are still looking for volunteers.

Councilman Knobel added that the Ravinia Harvest and Harmony Fest had a great turnout.

It was discussed that Commission Chairs' are invited to How to Do Business with Ravinia Festival round table meeting. Chair Arena suggested it would be good for the Student Commissioner to attend and add a millennial viewpoint.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.