

**Regional Arts Commission
Executive Committee Minutes
December 8, 2022, 8 a.m. via ZOOM**

Attendees

Cheryl Walker, Andrea Purnell, John Russell, Jerry Gennaria, Mont Levy

Absent

Rosalind Johnson

Staff Attendees: Vanessa Cooksey, Lea Sutherlin

Other Attendees:

Hillary Bean, Armstrong Teasdale

Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

Walker called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Walker then called for the approval of the minutes from the October 13, 2022, Executive Committee meeting.

Motion made by Levy seconded by Russell and unanimously carried to approve the October 13, 2022, minutes.

Walker asked Cooksey to report on the following:

Parking

Cooksey reminded that the Pageant parking agreement as it relates to Loop East CID had been discussed earlier and gave an overview. She asked Hillary Bean, Armstrong Teasdale, to provide an update.

Bean provided an update regarding the parking agreement and easements.

Update on Building Ownership between Loop East CID and RAC

Cooksey gave update on building ownership between Loop East CID and RAC and noted a need for clarity as it is a time sensitive issue. She further noted that a vote would be needed from members of both leadership teams to progress toward completion for both the parking agreement and the building ownership.

Levy made a motion, on behalf of Loop East CID, to authorize Cooksey and this (Executive Committee) to address (1) the building ownership issue and (2) parking

agreement and bring both to fruition and closing. Motion seconded by Russell and unanimously approved.

Russell made a motion, on behalf of this (RAC Executive Committee) to authorize Cooksey and this (Executive Committee) to address (1) the building ownership issue and (2) parking agreement and bring both to fruition and closing. Motion seconded by Gennaria and unanimously approved.

Bean left the meeting.

Update on City ARPA Contract

Cooksey shared the proposed RAC ARPA allocation plan and highlighted the following: (1) RAC must adhere to one [1] city ordinance and two [2] federal requirements managed by CDA; and (2) the two allowable expenditures – revenue replacement and negative economic impact. Cooksey then reviewed in detail the two possible allocation plans as part of the contract that guides how dollars will be spent. She noted that RAC must distribute all ARPA grants by December 31, 2024, and recipients must have grants spent and reported on by December 31, 2026.

Open Discussion

Discussion held regarding the following: (1) GOS grant fulfillment for city only; (2) grants to artists in relief fund logistics and similarity to process for ASG; (3) reporting requirements; (4) categories of eligible expenditures; (5) possibility of non-profit organizations' qualifying for more than one category; (6) continued discussions with CDA; (7) projects within the QCTs; (8) reporting requirements and granting funds systematically; (9) recommendation by Fiorello, making a significant impact and reducing overhead; (10) plans to cultivate those who are not already in the pipeline; and (11) eligibility of grantees.

Discussion also held regarding Arts & Education Council.

Committee members expressed their appreciation to Cheryl for her work done as Chair in the last year.

Walker called for motion to adjourn the December 8 Executive Committee meeting at 9:18 a.m. Motion made by Gennaria, seconded by Russell, and unanimously approved.

Submitted by
L. Sutherlin, Exec. Asst. & Commission Administrator