

**Regional Arts Commission
Executive Committee Minutes
July 15, 2022, 11 a.m. via ZOOM**

Attendees

Cheryl Walker, Andrea Purnell, Rosalind Johnson, Jerry Gennaria, Mont Levy

Absent

John Russell

Staff Attendees: Vanessa Cooksey, Lea Sutherlin

Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

Walker called the meeting to order at 11:02 p.m.

Walker then called for the approval of the minutes from the October 21, 2021, Executive Committee meeting.

Motion made by Johnson seconded by Levy and unanimously carried to approve the October 21, 2021, minutes.

Walker asked Cooksey to report on the following:

6128 Delmar Facility Recommendation

Cooksey shared a preview of following regarding 6128 Delmar Facility Recommendations (committee vote not needed at this meeting):

(1) Pageant Parking Lot Release – recommendation to establish parking agreement with WashU to ensure access to spaces and then sign release.

Chair Walker shared additional context regarding recently acquired information related to Pageant Parking.

Cooksey noted that she will share updates with this Committee prior to finalizing.

(2) City of STL Permit Parking – recommendation for RAC management to identify additional parking options to ensure safety of team members and visitors; will continue to keep this Committee posted of progress.

(3) Revenue Recommendation - last bond payment was made in May 2022; current annual operating costs average; and necessary upgrades and tenant improvements to support mission and revenue growth – including lease agreements, art gallery, event rental, and miscellaneous revenue.

Discussion held regarding funding for improvements; lease prices and parking lot construction and parking availability over next few years; anticipate hosting events and art gallery reopening in 2023; expense for construction included in annual budget; organizations as tenants and parking spaces needed to make this offering more attractive; numbers more conservative than aspirational; possible partnership(s) with revenue splits; will have Armstrong review the parking release and any new agreement with Wash U and DCM, and to review revenue recommendations from statute and bylaw perspectives.

(4) Property Management Update - Water damage recovery construction in progress; security upgrade in progress; paperless office initiative and construction preparation in progress (kudos to R. Dillard for her work with this process); and routing required building maintenance on track.

Brief discussion held regarding safety and possible partnerships with community security and social services organizations.

General Topics

Cooksey then updated on the following:

(1) ARPA Funds update including St. Louis County Bill 163 (kudos to N. Belford for her work with this process) St. Louis City Bill 66; State of Missouri (possible funding opportunities) and Government Relations Advisor.

(2) Upcoming 2022 Events:

- Thursdays - Now through August 4 – RAC Programs 101 Webinars
- August 2 Governance Committee Meeting
- August 8 Finance Committee Meeting
- August 10 Gyo Obata Closing Ceremony
- August 11 Full Commission Meeting
- August 29-30 AEP6 Launch Rally
- September 6 Finance Committee Meeting
- September 8 Full Commission Meeting
- September 9-10 Music at The Intersection
- September 17 Board/Staff Retreat
- September 21 Capacity Building STL Closing Ceremony
- October 13 Full Commission Meeting
- October 19 Community Town Hall
- November 7 Finance Committee Meeting
- November 10 Full Commission Meeting/Annual Meeting
- December 7 RAC End-of-Year Celebration

- December 24, 2022 – January 4, 2023, RAC Holiday Break

Walker thanked everyone for attending the session.

Adjourn

Meeting ended at 11:55 a.m.

Submitted by

L. Sutherlin, Exec. Asst. & Commission Administrator