**Regular Meeting Notice**

**Date:** Wednesday, July 18th, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Place:** Zoom

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**Agenda**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call**
   1. Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:00 am
   2. **Present:** Collins, Cuscuna, Moran, Etter, Ursone, Cooper, Varamo, Watkins, and Sherwood
   3. **Not Present: Colatrella**
   4. **Staff and Guests:** Aaron Miller, Leah Kagan, Lyda Ruijter, and Yana Lapkouski
2. **Guest:** Yana Lapkouski
   1. Lyda Ruijter introduces Yana Lapkouski who announces and invites members of the commission to attend a concert for Ukraine at the Palace next month.
3. **Reading and Approval of Minutes**
   1. Approval of Minutes from the July Meeting
      1. Mr. Moran moved to accept the minutes, and Mr. Ursone seconded the minutes were unanimously accepted.
4. **Chair – Val** 
   1. Mural Update
      1. Mr. Miller notes Ms. Kagan and Mayor Simmons are jointly helping in the fundraising effort and $15K has been raised so far and looking to raise another $10K
      2. Commissioners then proceeded to discuss timeline for RFP and for artist(s) to complete work.
5. **Staff Report – Aaron**
   1. Small Grants Update
      1. Mr. Miller notes that the NEA regrant was submitted earlier in the month, and that the Commission has two small grants. One dedicated for a website/dropdown and then the other for the same and operational purposes.
6. **Committee Reports**
   1. Convening – Lisa & Marti
      1. Ms. Etter and Ms. Cuscuna note they have been working with Mr. Miller to gather information for the website/dropdown and they will be using the grant money that was awarded to them for this purpose.
   2. Programming – Lou & Mike
      1. Mr. Moran confirms there will be no new show mobile this year, but that next year the city should be in possession of a new one.
   3. Diversity – Val & Dennis
      1. Ms. Cooper notes that the Commission was asked to help with Juneteenth and it was a beautiful day, and that the next likely event will be on Veterans Day with some sort of Art exhibit at Old Town Hall
7. **New Business**
   1. **2024 SAC Grant** 
      1. Mr. Miller notes he will send around last year’s application and ask for commissioners to review it and send any changes or recommendations.
   2. **Odessey Sea Sculpture** 
      1. Mr. Miller notes that he has been in contact with the legal department and they are working to renew the loan, and drafting language for the contract
8. **Adjournment**
   1. Chair Cooper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Varamo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Mr. Moran and the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am