

GREENSBORO CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 11th, 2023; 5:30pm

Meeting held in-person at Greensboro Cultural Center

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Bender, Catena Bergevin, Naomi Woods, Janine Robledo, Janay Green, Victoria Milstein, Mignon Elkes

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Juliette Bianco (medical emergency),

STAFF PRESENT: Jocquelyn Boone, Chief Creative Economy Officer

OTHER SPEAKERS PRESENT: None

I. WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Chairman Doug Bender called the meeting to order at 5:32pm and welcomed the Commission and Jocquelyn Boone for her first in person meeting. Mr. Bender remarked about the success of Tab Arts Center's first Avante Garde Gala that took place on Aug 26th. Mr. Bender, Ms. Boone and several other Creative Greensboro staff were in attendance. Mr. Bender invited commissioners to attend "Banning Books: A Question for Our Time". Hosted by TEDxGreensboro on September 12th 2023.

Victoria Milstein offered to host December's CAC meeting at her home. Everyone will send their RSVP's to Mr. Bender.

II. BUSINESS:

A. Business of the Commission at-large, Doug Bender (Chair), Jocquelyn Boone (CCEO)

1. September meeting minutes (approval requested)
 - a. Approved unanimously, 8-0.
2. Ms. Boone shared with the commission that the next round of GROW residence have been selected. Catena Bergevin, who serves on the panel review committee for GROW shared constructive feedback about the adjudication process. Commissioners then discussed their role in preparing first time applicants. Running a workshop with past program residents was suggested as resource to assist emerging artists who may need additional guidance navigating the application process. The commission also discussed whether we were reaching the proper audience with our communications efforts. Ms. Boone said she'd share feedback with GROW program manager Karen Archia.

B. Impact & Investment Committee

1. Ms. Boone followed up last month's previous discussion regarding the Greensboro Cultural Center Tenant leasing. The commissioners did not have any additional questions or feedback regarding the survey questions presented to tenants. In next month's meeting, the commission will finalize their recommendations for this upcoming lease cycle.

C. Creative Placemaking Committee

1. **Hester Park Mural Project.** Ms. Boone shared an update. Artist Darlene McClinton's mural proposal was approved by NCDOT and she was officially notified on August 7th. The project is underway and expected to be complete by December.

D. Marketing Committee, Mignon Elkes (Committee Chair)

No Update.

III. Additional Items:

- A. Commissioners shared their personal cultural engagement efforts over the past few weeks and reaffirmed their commitment to be champions of the arts in Greensboro.
- B. Commissioners suggested connecting with other cultural affairs committees from other cities/communities for future meetings.
- C. Mr. Bender discussed process for board rotation and appointment.
- D. Speakers from the Floor: None.

With no additional comments from the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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