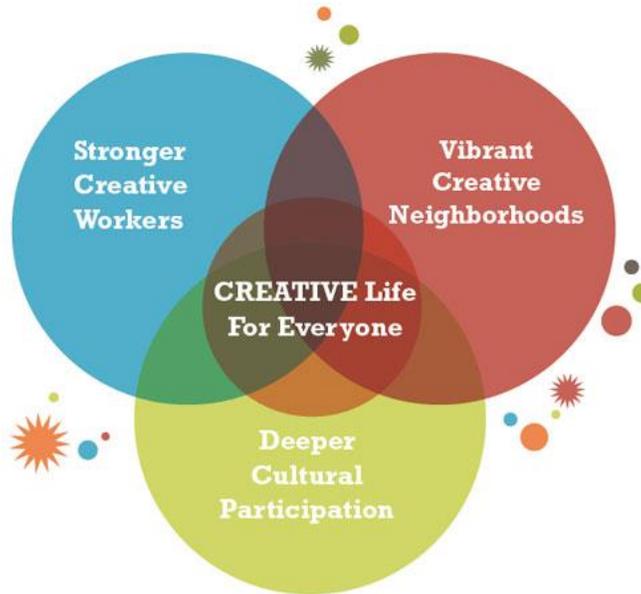




MISSION: DRIVE A VIBRANT AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ARTS



AGENCY REPORT

for

May 19, 2016

Metro Office Building 2nd floor, Davidson Conference Room
800 2nd Avenue South, Nashville

Commissioners: Jane Alvis, Niki Coffman, Manuel Delgado, Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds, Laurie Eskind, Mohamed-Shukri Hassan, Clay Haynes, Larry Keeton, Joseph (Pepe) Presley, Stephanie Pruitt, Marielena Ramos, Paula Roberts, Jim Schmidt, Hope Stringer, and Santi Tefel

Overall Action/Approval Items

- Approval of New Officers
- Equity Statement & FY17 REAL Framework
- FY17 THRIVE Guidelines
- THRIVE Proposals
- Smith Springs/Madison Community Center site/budget approval
- Public Art Donations Acceptance
- Kroger Mural Partnership

Strategic Goal: Increase Resources for the Creative Ecosystem

Program	Training/Tool	Policy/Research	Partnership
Submitted FY17-19 Budgets with increase requests for grants, THRIVE, temporary public art	NEA Learning Lab: Artist cohort has been announced, Lab starts June 24/25	Delivering talks at East and West area Chambers on "Culture Here" report	Developing Plans to Convene area arts funders about issues in the field
FY17 THRIVE Guidelines are up for approval	Submitted NEA Creative Connections Grant application with Housing Fund and Mayor's Office related to temporary art and housing in Madison	Conducting audience surveys for AEP5 study. To date, 342 surveys collected.	
Four THRIVE Proposals are up for recommendation		Staff is researching tools and other organizations to engage in furthering the work of the REAL program.	
FY17 TAC –Arts Build Communities' application is open.			
FY17 Metro Arts project grant applications will be reviewed by citizen panels on May 16, 17, 18 and 20, 2016.			
5 Public Art Projects in active fabrication; 8-10 projects in development			

Strategic Goal: Cultivate Equity in the Creative Ecosystem

Program	Training/Tool	Policy/Research	Partnership
The pilot Racial Equity in Arts Leadership (REAL) learning cadre concluded on May 11. Staff is making plans for FY17 program.	Staff conducted FY17 TAC – Arts Build Communities trainings via a recorded webinar, which is available on YouTube and hosted a community workshop on May 9.	Public Art Community Investment Plan: 4 th consultant team visit is being planned for late June; Benchmarking report has been submitted	NEA Blog; AFTA Blog on Resiliency and Cultural Equity

Staff Providing Individual Consultations with Potential THRIVE Applicants	FY17 Metro Arts Grants – 21 community members reviewed 36 FY17 project applications. 50% are new panelists and represent 13 different Council districts.	Grants Community Investment Plan – policy, category, and eligibility research Jen reviewed grants for City of Charlotte, NC	
Arts Buzz released to over 1,100 recipients	REAL Learning Cadre received equity tools packet, reading list and syllabus from the pilot program.	Board Equity Statement up for consideration	Metro Arts and Juvenile Court received approval of Public Improvement Plan application in support of integrating the arts and restorative justice.
Artist Directory comprised of 403 profiles	Hosted Roberto Bedoya in conjunction with Vanderbilt Divinity School and Scarritt Bennett Center for public lecture on Art, Equity & Poetic Will in Cities		

Strategic Goal: Improve Neighborhood Creative Infrastructure

Program	Training/Tool	Policy/Research	Partnership
Learning Lab members selected; announced Metro Arts supporting Metro Planning NEA grant for maker study/activation in Wedgewood Houston	Consulting with neighborhood artists, council members and community leaders about THRIVE	Working with Mayor’s Office OEOE, Planning and Zoning on conversations related to creative workers, housing, production and workforce support	Urban Manufacturing Task Force Make Nashville
		Parks Master Plan Meetings	

Strategic Goal: Lead By Example

Program	Training/Tool	Policy/Research	Partnership
Rebecca will present a session on community engagement at the TAC Collective Impact Conference/Caroline will lead roundtable for Public Art Administrators		Chair US Urban Arts Federation; support AFTA with Equity Statement and work GIA, ArtPlace America, AFTA in discussions about partnership to support practices of community artists	<i>Creative Exchange</i> Toolkit on bike racks in draft format
Rebecca will participate as a panelist for Americans for the Arts’ Community Engagement Resource Exchange virtual conversation on May 26			
Consulting on 3 potential donated artworks			PA staff participating as juror for 2 community art contests

Rebecca, Caroline will present sessions during Americans for the Arts Annual Convention			Rebecca served as a pre-selection juror for TN Craft Spring show
Olusola will present a session about THRIVE to Periscope in June/Caroline will present on public art.			
Caroline will present at the upcoming Nashville Civic Design Center's Pecha Kucha night.			
Caroline will participate on a panel for the inaugural class of Leadership Goodlettsville.			

Monthly Updates

Public Art

- **Stix** –Project close-out is underway. Lighting adjustments are being made by Rains Electric and final landscaping will be installed early summer.
- **Witness Walls** – The artist made a site visit to Nashville in late April to meet with fabricators (Gate Precast in Ashland City) and possible Nashville contractors for installation. The fountain design and the music component are being developed and those drawings will be submitted separately. Coring and a utility check will be completed this month at the project site. Once structural drawings are approved and fabrication begins, artist will submit timeline for completion and installation. Staff is working on additional programming for Witness Walls. The “My Witness” project, a partnership with One Voice Nashville, will result in 10 podcast interviews between Civil Rights veterans and area high school students. The podcasts will be made available on a dedicated *Witness Walls* web site managed by Metro Arts.
- **Bike Racks** – Fabrication is underway on four new racks. Fabrication on three of the four designs, *Bookshelves* (Looby Library) and *Bee Cycle* (Hadley Park) and *Intersection Rails* (North Library) is nearly complete. Staff is working closely with Civic Engineering, Library and Parks staff to prepare for late spring/early summer installations. Final design renderings for *Ground Ball* (First Tennessee Park) have been approved and fabrication will take place over the summer. Later this summer, NPT will feature the new bike racks in an *ArtsBreak* segment.
- **Learning Lab** - Curriculum design and logistical planning has begun. Metro Arts and Arts and Business Council have engaged the [Center for Performance and Civic Practice](#) and lead artist Michael Rohd to lead curriculum design and conduct artist training specific to civic/public practice and community engagement. 25 artists have been selected for the lab training. The lab will begin on June 24th.
- **Public Art Community Investment Plan** – The consultants’ third visit was April 12-14. They met with advisory groups, Metro departments and other municipal partners to gather input for the planning process. The consultant team is currently working toward preliminary recommendations for staff and community review early this summer.

Grants

- **Metro Arts Grants** - FY17 project grant proposals were adjudicated by citizen review panels on May 16, 17, 18 and 20. The 21 panelists include 11 new panelists and represent 13 different Council districts. The Grants and Awards Committee will review rankings and a draft allocations proposal on Wednesday, June 1, 2016. The Commission will vote on final allocations at the June 23, 2016 meeting.
- **ABC Grants** -The ABC (Arts Builds Community) grants, for which Metro Arts is the designated agency, are being monitored for FY16. There are 5 completed projects to date. The FY17 ABC application opened on April 1. Metro Arts will re-grant \$29,380 in ABC funds to Davidson County organizations with awards ranging from \$500 to

\$2,500. Two ABC grant training opportunities were offered to potential applicants. Online applications are due on or before July 1, 2016.

THRIVE

- To date, there have been 63 inquiries about THRIVE. Four new projects are up for approval this month. If the four proposals are approved the entire \$100K THRIVE budget will have been allocated. The guidelines are up for approval by the Commission this month.

Public Programs

- Racial Equity in Arts Leadership (REAL) Learning Cadre** - The cadre had their final meeting for this pilot year on May 11 at the Curb Center. An evaluation survey is being collected to help Metro Arts' determine the future of REAL. Plans for the FY17 program will be presented this month.

Operations

- New Commissioners** Commissioner Jim Schmidt is up for confirmation on 5/17 to replace outgoing Matt Fisher.
- New Commission Leadership Clay Haynes will step forward to fill Matt Fisher's term as Chair.** Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds will step forward as Secretary/Treasurer.
- Budget** - Metro Arts' Council budget hearing will be May 19th, at 4:30 pm. Please arrive by 4:00 if you wish to attend.
- Arts & Economic Prosperity V Report** - Metro Arts is on track with our participation in the national AEP 5 study. 130 audience-intercept surveys were collected in the first quarter and an additional 212 have been collected in the second quarter. To date, 342 audience surveys have been collected. The organizational survey component of the study will be sent via email from AFTA in the beginning of June.

Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2016 Summary Report as of	5/13/2016			
	Budget	Actual	Remaining	Notes
Total Salaries	\$403,400	\$327,785	\$75,615	
Total Fringes	\$148,900	\$115,208	\$33,692	
Total Operational	\$174,500	\$102,793	\$71,707	
Total Internal Services	\$33,300	\$29,764	\$3,536	
Total TAC MCI Grant (Operating)	\$65,500	\$65,500	\$0	
Total TAC ABC Admin	\$4,440	\$3,189	\$1,251	
Total TAC ABC Re grants	\$25,160	\$14,577	\$10,583	
Total Metro Arts Grant Contributions	\$1,910,200	\$1,544,392	\$365,808	
TOTALS For FY2016	\$2,765,400	\$2,203,208	\$562,192	
	Accrued Balance	Actual	Remaining	Notes
Special Purpose Fund	\$73,235	\$18,377	\$54,858	
	Accrued Balance	Actual	Remaining	Notes
Convention Fund	\$37,566	\$0	\$37,566	

Financial Report

Percent for Public Art Fund Report

5/5/2016

Revenues

Capital Spending Plan 2001	\$473,991
Capital Spending Plan 2002	\$413,319
Capital Spending Plan 2003	\$1,164,191
Capital Spending Plan 2005	\$487,367
Capital Spending Plan 2006	\$643,311
Capital Spending Plan 2007	\$1,253,687
Capital Spending Plan 2008	\$647,050
Capital Spending Plan 2009	\$1,267,300
MTA Bus Stop Credit for Twenty Eighth Avenue Connector	\$29,772
Capital Spending Plan 2011, 2013	\$2,568,500
Capital Spending Plan 2014, 2015	\$1,585,350
Total Revenues	\$10,533,838

Total Expenditures	(\$4,983,041)
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Subtotal	\$5,550,797
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Encumbrances

Funds Assigned to Bellevue Library	(\$45,498)
Funds Assigned to Bike Racks, Phase 2	(\$7,976)
Funds Assigned to Bike Racks, Phase 3	(\$245,050)
Funds Assigned to Civil Rights Public Art Project	(\$119,838)
Funds Assigned to Community Investment Plan	(\$134,218)
Funds Assigned to KVB	(\$306,771)
Funds Assigned to Madison Park Community Center	(\$98,000)
Funds Assigned to Our Town Project (Bryce McCloud)	(\$25,672)
Funds Assigned to Public Square - Civil Rights Project	(\$332,129)
Funds Assigned to Smith Springs Park	(\$98,000)
Funds Assigned to West Riverfront Park	(\$104,647)
Funds Assigned to Capital Maintenance	(\$50,000)
Funds Assigned to Staff Administration	(\$78,861)
Total Encumbrances	(\$1,646,659)

Total Available Funds	\$3,904,138
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4% Fund Allotment November 2011	\$25,000
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4% Fund Allotment November 2014	\$50,000
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Total Expenditures	-\$31,899
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4% Funds Remaining	\$43,101
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Media Links

Community Engagement – THRIVE

ArtsLink, Spring2016 Issue, [REAL talk in Nashville](#)

Public Art:

[Witness Wall To Honor Civil Rights Movement In Nashville](#), Channel 5, April 21, 2016

Important Dates

Mon, May 31, 2016

Wed, June 1, 2016

TBD

Week of June 15-19

Thurs, June 23, 2016

Office CLOSED

Noon

10:30am

Staff attending AFTA – Americans for the Arts National Conference

Noon

Metro HOLIDAY - Memorial Day

Grant Committee meeting

Public Art Committee (PAC) meeting

Metro Arts Commission meeting