

**Metro Arts Commission**  
Minutes of the Commission Meeting  
July 18, 2019  
800 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South, Nashville, TN

**Attending Commissioners:** Marielena Ramos (Chair); Jane Alvis; Will Cheek; Niki Coffman; Jackie Daniel; Bonnie Dow; Clay Haynes; Matia Powell; Jim Schmidt; Hope Stringer; Campbell West; and Marcus Whitney

**Absent Commissioners:** Manuel Delgado

**Staff:** Caroline Vincent; Lauren Fitzgerald; Tré Hardin; Van Maravalli; Ian Myers; Anne-Leslie Owens; Skylar Peterson; Atilio Murga; and Emily Waltenbaugh

**Guests:** Alex Dickerson (Metro Legal)

**A. Call to Order**

Commissioner Marielena Ramos called the July meeting to order at 12:08 PM.

**B. Minutes of previous meeting**

*A motion to approve minutes from June 20, 2019 meeting as written was offered by Commissioner Coffman, seconded by Commissioner Dow and the motion passed.*

**C. ARTS IN ACTION: Highlights of Prior Month's Activities**

Communications Specialist Emily Waltenbaugh gave a report of activities that have taken place over the last month:

- Opportunity NOW wrap up with Prado Studios
- Opportunity NOW wrap up with Kristen Chapman Gibbons at Casa Azafran
- Media Mention: WPLN interview with artist Robbie Lynn Hunsinger
- Grants: FY20 Grants announcements made this month
- Nashville Arts Coalition: State of the Arts Panel held with Caroline Vincent and Commissioner Schmidt in attendance
- Metro Arts office space moved to MSE
- New Metro Arts website design and implementation underway

**E. ACTION ITEMS**

**1) Jefferson Street Pocket Park Budget and Scope**

Public Art and Placemaking Manager, Van Maravalli, presented the proposed project budget and scope for Jefferson Street Pocket Park:

Recap:

Site of "pocket park" on Jefferson Street funded by Parks and MDHA. Artist Thaxton Waters worked with Metro Parks by engaging the community to influence the design.

Maravalli presented a proposed budget of \$200,000 for "Public Art Community Canvas" concept. This concept would allow multiple artists to be featured and create an opportunity for multiple medium artworks. Featured artists would be aligned with Metro Arts programming. Metro Parks is pursuing funding to sustain the multi-year/ongoing nature of the project. There was discussion amongst the Commission concerning timeline and sustainability.

- **A motion to exit Executive Session was offered by Commissioner Coffman, seconded by Commissioner Whitney and the motion passed.**

**H. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 PM.

  
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Jackie Daniel (Secretary/Treasurer)

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Date

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