

Metro Arts Commission
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
December 19, 2019
1417 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville, TN

Attending Commissioners: Marielena Ramos, Jane Alvis, Will Cheek, Manuel Delgado, Bonnie Dow, Sheri Nichols Bucy, Matia Powell, and Campbell West

Absent Commissioners: Niki Coffman, Jackie Daniel, Clay Haynes, Paula Roberts, Jim Schmidt, Hope Stringer and Marcus Whitney

Staff: Lauren Fitzgerald, Tré Hardin, Ian Myers, Anne-Leslie Owens, Caroline Vincent, Emily Waltenbaugh, Atilio Murga, Skylar Peterson

Guests: Derrick Smith (Metro Legal)

A. Call to Order

Commissioner Marielena Ramos called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm

B. Minutes of previous meeting

A motion to approve minutes from November 21, 2019 meeting as written was offered by Commissioner Delgado, seconded by Commissioner Cheek and the motion passed.

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

Emily Waltenbaugh presented highlights from the prior month's activities.

- Diversity in Arts Leadership – DIAL applications open, intern application closes on 1/10/2020, organizations application closes on 1/24/2020
- Media Mentions – *Nashville Scene*: Metro Arts Announces Ambition Public Art Project on Nolensville Pike
- Media Mentions: *Nashville Scene*: Local Arts Programs Give Voice to Underserved Communities

D. Grants and Funding ACTIONS:

1. THRIVE Funding Recommendations

Lauren Fitzgerald presented the following THRIVE funding recommendations: 32 proposals were submitted to Metro Arts for review, after review of eligibility, 25 proposals were reviewed for funding. Staff reviewed all 25 proposals. A community panel reviewed 13 proposal and made allocation recommendations based on scoring criteria of artistic excellence, community engagement and placemaking, and feasibility and logistics.

The community selection panel recommended funding for the following nine projects:

- *Freedom Rider- The Strategy of a Movement*: \$9,500, interactive theatre project at the Nashville Public Library, First Baptist Church-Capitol Hill, and Fisk University with theatre artists Teree McCormick and Jon Royal.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 PM.

Jackie Deibel