

## **Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting September 9, 2024**

**Attendees:** M. Cajigas, N. Gilson, K. Wuzzardo

**Absent:** A. Crutchfield, I. Gardin, K. Flores, M. Monk Flake

**Staff:** A. Jefferson, K. Futrell, T. Rich

**Guests:** M. Loter, R. Moore

Meeting called to order at 5:07pm by M Cajigas.

### **I. Minutes**

M. Cajigas called for a motion to approve the August minutes. K. Wuzzardo motioned to approve minutes. Seconded by N. Gilson. Minutes unanimously approved.

Introductions and welcome to pending members Matt Loter and Rebekah Moore.

### **II. Directors Report**

#### Staff Reports

A. Jefferson thanked commissioners for their participation in the various departmental summer events. An update on programs and events was provided:

Black Wall Street Festival – about 10,000 in attendance for the week-long event.

- Artist Showcase 55 people in attendance
- Film Fest 200 people in attendance
- Empowerment Summit 150 plus in attendance
- Fashion Show 150 plus in attendance
- Entrepreneur Party- 2000 people in attendance
- Festival – 7000 plus in attendance and 230 vendors participating
- Brunch 80 people in attendance

Creative University- is scheduled for October 11-12. The Creative Workforce Summit Career Fair will be held at the Boathouse. To include art and career day with young emerging professionals [creative.us/careerfair](http://creative.us/careerfair).

Unapologetically Radical Conference - will be held in February 2025. The conference uses hip-hop as a tool to discuss current issues. The 2025 theme is Echoes of the Future and will include discussions legacy and resilient legacy. Members can view the past conference sessions at [unapologeticallyradical.com](http://unapologeticallyradical.com). Staff will reach out to members for recommendations for additional groups, individuals who could potentially host focus groups.

Public Art - K. Futrell updated members on the Goffe St Mural – the mural using cooling paints at the Goffe Street Armory should be complete in October. Artist Kwado Adae completed his work honoring the Negro Leagues on a dugout at Amryhn Field. The mural was funded via a previous Neighborhood Cultural Vitality Grant. K. Futrell noted discussion handling of new works on city property and future required maintenance.

Film - A production company will be filming b-roll the upcoming week in various city locations.

Tree Lighting – will be held December 5 on the Green

ARPA – T. Rich provided an update on funding for project and the follow up reporting. 61 organizations and 50 artists. Distributed over \$1mil. Also handling the reporting requirements

City Hall Activation - M. Riley will continue to develop programming upon his return mid September.

Other - The department has received assistance from the Workforce Alliance program that will provide for staff support.

Staff partnering with other city departments and family to host a Fatman Scoop Day and issue a proclamation.

### **III. Old Business**

None discussed

### **IV. New Business**

Future meetings – members discussed bi-monthly off site meetings. The October meeting will be held via zoom. Cityseed may be able to host the November meeting. K. Wuzzardo will get back to staff about hosting the January meeting at the Shubert.

### **V. Public Comment**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm. K. Wuzzardo motioned, T. Rich seconded.

**NEXT MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024 AT 4:30PM**