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LSAC Minutes for Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Council Members Present: Mary Lee, Patrick Widhalm, Patti Nelson, Rodneya Hart, Gene Meneray, Margie Camardelle, Sheela Plater, Patti Nelson, Kyle Wedberg, Virginia Berthelot

Absent: Waynette Ballangee, Joy Pace, Olivia Regard, Kip Holloway, Rep. Michael Kirk Talbot, Adam Holland

LDOA and OCD Staff Present: Paula White, Cheryl Castille, Danny Belanger, Scott Finch, Kelsea McCrary, Kristin Sanders

Guests: Richard Hartley-Deputy Secretary, Office of the Lt. Governor, Heidi Schmalbach-ED with Arts Council New Orleans (ACNO), Alphonse Smith-Director-Place and Civic Design, ACNO, staff of NOCCA

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Chair Mary Lee.
 - Mary Lee introduced:
 - Richard Hartley, Deputy Secretary, Office of the Lt. Governor
 - Virginia Berthelot, New LSAC member representing Region 2
 - Heidi Schmalbach and Alphonse Smith with Arts Council New Orleans (ACNO)
 - ACNO presented information on their agency, services provided and examples of current projects/initiatives.
 - Richard Hartley discussed the importance of the arts, arts-in-education, and initiatives coming out of the Lt. Governor's office.

- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Some members had to leave early so 8-21-18 minutes will have to be approved at the 1-15-19 meeting.

- III. **LSAC Chair Report:** Mary Lee welcomed everyone.
 - Mary Lee indicated that she would like to look at 4-5 places throughout the state that LSAC could impact. She will contact individuals via email.
 - Mary shared that LDOA staff had visited the Healing Arts Program at St. Tammany Parish Hospital to capture video interviews with program volunteers and staff of the hospital and St. Tammany Hospital Foundation.
 - Mary turned the meeting over to Kyle Wedberg, LSAC member and NOCCA CEO for presentations. Two vocal students performed and the NOCCA visual arts staff presented their individual work and student projects.

- IV. **Assistant Secretary Report:**
 - Kristin indicated we are in the middle of budget and that the state budget appears stable for the next couple of years.
 - Planning for the next legislative session to begin in April 2019.
 - Reminded everyone that October is Folklife and Archaeology month and encouraged everyone to check out special events.

V. **LDOA Director's Report:**

- Full report of LDOA activities had been included with the agenda
- 2019 LSAC meeting schedule provided. Cheryl indicated that the next year will include visits to Lake Charles, Shreveport and St. Tammany. The locations TBD with the meeting dates and sent out in January 2019.

VI. **Public Comment**

No comment.

VII. **Meeting Adjournment** Patti motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sheela 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Kyle and NOCCA staff provided a tour of their school.

Next LSAC Meeting: Tuesday, January 15 @ 11am, Location TBD.