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LSAC Minutes for Tuesday, July 23 23, 2019

Council Members Present: Mary Lee, Patrick Widhalm, Patti Nelson, Gene Meneray, Dirk Guidry, Conni Castille, Adam Holland, Sheela Plater, Darden Gladney, Henry Price, Olivia Regard, Christian Vigé, Sheela Plater

Absent: Virginia Berthelot, Rep. Michael Kirk Talbot, Kyle Wedberg, Margie Camardelle, Joy Pace

LDOA and OCD Staff Present: Cheryl Castille, Danny Belanger, Scott Finch, April Baham, Erica Anderson, Carrie Broussard.

Guests: Pam Atchison-SRAC, Robin Jones-LPA

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Chair Mary Lee. Mary Lee introduced:
 - Ellen Anthony, New LSAC Board Member representing Region 7.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Holland motioned to approve. Patti Nelson 2nd. Motion passed.
- III. **LSAC Chair Report:** Mary Lee welcomed everyone.
 - Addressing the needs of the underserved – Gene Meneray provided a further update on potential programming focused on arts and the Incarcerated as well as individuals participating in re-entry programs. He was in San Jose to meet with potential partners. California Lawyers for the Arts received funding from the Arts Justice League and NEA. Louisiana has been chosen as a partner state along with Georgia and Arkansas. It was recommended that Louisiana initially focus on one region, develop a pilot program. Patti Nelson inquired if there would be a template to follow. The location may be dictated by trained artists – where are they and where are the progressive leaders who will assist. Mary made a motion to form a subcommittee for LSAC members to address this arts initiative. Sheela Plater so moved. Patti Nelson 2nd. Motion passed. Individuals were asked to submit their names to Mary if they would like to serve on this committee.
- IV. **Assistant Secretary Report:**
 - Kristin Sanders provided an overview of OCD and this years' legislative session. The budget, which includes the Division of the Arts, will be a continuation of last year's budget. She also indicated that continuance of the historic tax credit did not pass. Besides the Division of Historic Preservation, this also affects LDOA's Cultural District program as the tax credit is an offered incentive. With the upcoming election, there will be quite a few new legislative representatives and we anticipate our administration further addressing this issue.
- V. **LDOA Director's Report:**
 - Cheryl and Danny provided an overview of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies.

- Erica facilitated ratification of the FY20 DAF funds as well as the funds being awarded for general operating support to the nine regional arts councils. She initially provided information on the state's General Operating Support grant in that FY20 is the 2nd year of this two year grant. The GOS funded amounts were provided for information. Mary Lee motioned that the general operating support funds be approved for the nine regional arts councils and continue for the GOS grant program. Adam Holland so moved. Olivia Regard 2nd. Motion passed. Mary made a motion to approve the DAF funding for FY20. Patti Nelson so moved. Darden Gladney 2nd. Motion passed.

- Updated LSAC Meeting Schedule
September 23, 2019 – St. Tammany Region 9 – St. Tammany Parish Hospital

VI. Public Comment

No comment.

VII. **Meeting Adjournment** Sheila Platter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Adam Holland 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Next LSAC Meeting: Tuesday, September 23 @ 11am, Location: St. Tammany Parish Hospital, Covington.