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**OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**DIVISION OF THE ARTS**

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Council Members Present: Rep. Kirk Talbot, Mary Lee, Patrick Widhalm, Patti Nelson, Jacques Rodrigue, Gena Gore, Sheela Plater, Jill Hackney, Margie Camardelle, Mayor Adam Holland

Council Members Absent: Waynette Ballangee, , Kip Holloway, Missy Crews

LDOA and CRT Staff Present: Cheryl Castille, Paula White, Danny Belanger, Maida Owens, Kristin Sanders

Guests: Kim Bergeron with the St. Tammany Art Association and the Northshore Cultural Economy Coalition.

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Chair Mary Lee.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Mayor Adam Holland motioned to approve. Sheela Plater second. Motion approved.

**III. LSAC Chair Report:** Mary Lee welcomed everyone. She introduced new LSAC members Jill Hackney and Mayor Adam Holland. Mary appointed Patrick Widhalm as Vice-Chair and Patti Nelson as Secretary for LSAC. Patrick has been working on partnerships in the state with Louisiana Partnership for the Arts and Louisiana Citizens for Culture. Patti has been planting the seed of the intersections of the arts and commerce.

**IV. Assistant Secretary Report:** Kristin Sanders provided an update on the LDOA budget indicating that we are awaiting final approval of the OCD budget which includes funding for the divisions of Archaeology, Arts, Historic Preservation and CODOFIL.

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

1. Marketing/promotional materials: samples of the new Division of the Arts brochure along with OCD partner division brochures; retractable banners for the Arts, Cultural Districts and Uniquely Louisiana, educational portal were shared. Materials should be completed and available in October 2017.

**LDOA Staff Reports**

**Grant Programs:** Grant awards were presented for ratifications: Decentralized Arts Funding, General Operating Support and RDA Plan Review Grants. Patti Nelson motioned to approve. Patrick second.

**Cultural Districts Program:** a brief update provided in Gaye's absence on the Sound Places project.

**Folklife:** Maida Owens provided an update on the Baton Rouge Traditions project: a series of four events including panel discussions will be held throughout Baton Rouge beginning in August and culminating at the Louisiana Book Festival the end of October 2017.

**Percent for Arts:** In Dana's absence, a brief update was provided on the Nichols State and LSU Union projects

**Arts and Education:** Jacque Rodrigue provided an update on the Louisiana A+ arts integration program. Three summer institutes were held, two in Lafayette and one in Zachary. Nine schools were involved in summer training, including 600 teachers. No new schools were added this year due to transitioning Louisiana A+ from the Rodrigue Foundation to its' own organization.

VI. LPA / LCA Report: It was discussed that Vickie Marshall, new Chair of LPA would serve as an ex-officio member of the LSAC board.

VII. New Business

Jill Hackney: CODOFIL French Language visual art/education collaboration "A la table" – Jill indicated she would like to see program collaborations between LSAC, the arts and CODOFIL.

Kim Bergeron with the North Shore Cultural Economy Coalition presented information on the inaugural *Shop Local Artists Week*, which takes place throughout the state the first week of December. Our regional arts councils, Louisiana Main Street and Louisiana Cultural Districts have all agreed to assist with marketing the statewide events. A Facebook page and calendar will be developed, listing all of the various events.

VIII. Public Comment

No public comment at this meeting.

IX. Meeting Adjournment

Gena motioned to adjourn the meeting. Patrick 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be held on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in Monroe. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the North Delta Food and Wine Festival. Patti Nelson will provided details.