

**The City of Greenbelt  
Arts Advisory Board**

**Minutes - May 3, 2016**

**Present:**

Board Members: Tatiana Ausema, John Drago, Oliver Gaycken, Mark Granfors-Hunt and Charlette Wilson. Staff Liaison: Nicole DeWald. Guest: Joanie Cohen-Mitchell, Greenbelt Community Foundation board member.

**Absent:** Anna Socrates (AAB Vice Chair).

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm and the agenda was approved by acclamation.

Guest Joanie Cohen-Mitchell provided an overview of the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) and its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities spanning from March to October of this year. Ms. Cohen-Mitchell noted the group's efforts to diversify the board and the grantees to more fully represent the various neighborhoods of Greenbelt and the diversity of the city's residents. GCF aspires to obtain their own 501C3 status and to have a presence at as many Greenbelt community events as possible. Ms. Cohen-Mitchell described their grant-making process and answered questions about their Contribution Group application - particularly about their budget, the proposed use of the requested city funding (\$10,000) and how those expenditures would enhance the arts in Greenbelt. Following the discussion, Ms. Cohen-Mitchell departed. The Board deliberated and members completed the written sheets used to prepare their report to Council (#16-2).

Staff responded to questions from the board regarding the suitability of the AAB to review the GCF application; members suggested that CRAB may be better able to evaluate requests from the GCF. Staff responded to questions regarding potential changes in the overall Contribution Group funding structure, noting that a worksession on the topic may be scheduled later this spring.

The Chair reminded members of the need for board Secretary, and member Mark Granfors-Hunt was elected to the post (all in favor, none opposed).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.

Approved by acclamation, 5/2/17