

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2017 ARTS COUNCIL MEETING LENEXA CITY HALL, 12350 W. 87TH ST. PKWY, LENEXA, KS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Wayne Dothage.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Cheryl Kimmi, Kay Plaster, Rob Robinson, Dale Trott, Judy Tuckness, Jennifer Wampler and Claire Ward.

Staff members present: Gary Ristow, Parks and Recreation Director, and Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the December 20, 2016 minutes was made by Ms. Ward, seconded by Ms. Behrmann, and approved 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Chairperson Mr. Dothage took a moment to share a few stories about Council Member Diane Linver who was honored at a reception this evening for her 28 years of service.

Ms. Tuckness arrived at 7:05 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. Music

- Orchestra Conductor Interview Update

Ms. Wampler stated they received four responses to the RFQ. The committee decided to meet with three of the candidates. So far, two of the interviews have taken place. The last interview is rescheduled for Friday, January 26. The group discussed when they might begin planning concerts. Ms. Wampler said after the conductor is confirmed those discussions will be held.

- **Outdoor Concert Series Update**
Ms. Neely shared the dates for the 2017 series. They are: May 7, 21, 28, June 4, 11, September 17 and 24. Bands that have been contacted so far are Starhaven Rounders and Abbey Road. Dates for their performances have not been confirmed. She asked that if anyone has a band they would like the committee to consider to please contact her.

2. Literary Arts

- **Open Mic Plans for February**
Mr. Robinson reported the committee plans to co-host open mic nights at KC Art Angels in February, March and April. The plan is to take off during the summer months, and then begin the events again in the fall at the new Civic Center. He will meet with the KC Art Angels board of directors to explain the LAC's plan and to explore possible sponsorship opportunities for them at the new location.
- **Other Literary Activities**
The Literary Committee is also planning to explore the possibility of holding Lenexa Authors' book signing events at the Civic Center. These events could also include literary workshops. The committee will consider connecting with The Writers' Place and the Johnson County Library to explore opportunities.

3. Public Art

- **Public Art Committee Update – Civic Center**
Mr. Dothage said he has spoken with Mr. Ristow and the Master Plan has been drafted, but needs to be pared down. He anticipates it will be ready for the Governing Body's review in late February. The LAC will have an opportunity to review it prior to the Governing Body's presentation.
- **Other Public Art Discussion**
Ms. Tuckness reminded the LAC members to contact her with any suggestions for public art in the city (other than at City Center). The LAC will be looking to update the priority list, particularly in zones 1 and 3.

It was suggested that lights would be a nice addition to *Amusing Breeze*. Ms. Neely said she would inquire about lights for the art piece.

4. Scholarships

Mr. Dothage said he has received several inquiries. The deadline to apply is February 15. The judges have been confirmed.

Mr. Ristow arrived at 7:40 p.m.

5. Fundraising

Mr. Dothage reported the LAC plans to develop a sponsorship program and create a brochure to communicate the program with prospective sponsors. They will work closely with Parks and Recreation to be sure they do not overlap when asking companies to sponsor events.

Mr. Ristow indicated the city's legal department is looking into the pros/cons of establishing 501c3 status for the city. Any action will need to go before the Governing Body for their consideration.

6. Gallery Shows

- Digital Dimensions Photography Exhibit and Sara Sally LaGrand (3D) (December 1, 2016 – January 30, 2017)
Ms. Ward said the current show comes down on January 30.
- HeART of Lenexa Contest Gallery Show (January 31 – February 27)
 - Reception Date
The reception will be held on February 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. with the ceremony at 7 p.m.
 - Judging of Art
Ms. Tuckness will ask Bill Coulter to serve as a judge and Mr. Dothage will speak with Lory Rodak to judge. Ms. Neely suggested the judging take place either February 3 or 6.
- Art of War and Heartland Art Guild Exhibit (February 28 – May 1)
Ms. Ward and Ms. Neely said they are having a meeting with the Leavenworth group (Art of War) to finalize specifics for their military display on February 8.

Ms. Neely shared the remaining 2017 schedule:

- Helen Benson & Heather Roman, 2D & 3D (May 2 – 30)
- Latino Art Bravisimo (June/July)
- Lenexa Artists' Show, 2D & 3D (July 31 – September 29)
- October – TBD
- November – TBD
- Digital Dimensions (December 2017/January 2018)
- HeART of Lenexa (February 2018)

The Lenexa Artists' Show will be the first one on display at the new City Hall Gallery. The dates may need to be adjusted to coincide with the opening of the facility.

7. Council Chambers Art

- Artists for 2017

Mr. Dothage said the LAC needs to start looking for artists to fill the new City Hall Council Chambers. Mr. Ristow stated that area is large and can accommodate a number of pieces.

FEBRUARY MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Dothage asked the LAC to send any agenda items to him. He will compile the February agenda and send out.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Ms. Neely said there are plenty of seats for all members of the LAC to attend the ArtsKC Awards luncheon on February 23. Mr. Dothage said the luncheon will be held in the Grand Ballroom at the Convention Center and begins at 11:30 a.m.

Ms. Behrmann shared that she and Ms. Kimmi are part of the Citizen's Advisory Committee that will help plan and organize grand opening events for the new Lenexa Rec Center and City Hall. She asked that any suggestions be sent to them.

Ms. Neely requested the LAC committee chairs look at plans for 2018 and be prepared to discuss their budget needs. She will coordinate a budget meeting prior to the February LAC meeting.

Ms. Tuckness suggested the LAC members make an official statement thanking Diane Linver for her dedication and support of the arts during her years of her service. A copy of the minutes will be sent to Ms. Linver.

Motion to recognize and show appreciation to Diane Linver for her years of dedication and support of the arts for the City of Lenexa was made by Ms. Tuckness, seconded by Ms. Plaster, and approved 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Ms. Kimmi, and approved 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary