

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 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 and Claire Ward.

Arts Council member absent: Jennifer Wampler.

Staff member present: Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor.

Mr. Dothage introduced visitor Maura Conry. Ms. Conry is an artist and Lenexa resident interested in art activities in the community.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the January 17, 2017 minutes was made by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Ward, and approved 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. Music

- **Orchestra Conductor Recommendation and Vote**
Mr. Robinson reported the orchestra committee recommends Richard Ryan to be the conductor. Mr. Ryan brings a lot of experience to the table (he led the Louisville Youth Orchestra, currently performs with the Kansas City Symphony and teaches at KU). His philosophy for the orchestra is in line with the LAC's vision. Background checks have been completed, and the committee held its first planning meeting with him. Additional steps include finalizing the schedule, identifying venues for the performances, finalizing/executing the agreement, plan

marketing/promotions, formalizing arrangements with SMW High School for practice venues, and the use of music, stands and percussion instruments. The LAC also acknowledged that Curtis Mulvenon from SMW High School has done a tremendous amount of work with the committee to support the creation of the new community orchestra. They would like to find a way to thank Mr. Mulvenon. Mr. Robinson shared the proposed dates for the rehearsals and concerts: July 11, 13, 18, 20 (dress rehearsal and concert on July 22); July 25, 27, August 1, 3 (dress rehearsal and concert on August 5); and August 8, 10, 15, 17 (dress rehearsal and concert on August 19). Ms. Neely will check these dates against the city calendar and look at reserving space at the Civic Center for the August concerts. Mr. Robinson will check availability at Community Covenant Church as another option for the performances. Ms. Neely also said she is working with the legal department on the agreement and insurance questions.

Ms. Tuckness arrived during the orchestra conductor discussion at 7:08 p.m.

Motion to recommend the City enter into an agreement with Richard Ryan to serve as the conductor of the Lenexa Community Orchestra was made by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Plaster, and approved 8-0.

Mr. Dothage thanked the committee for their diligent work in finding a conductor for the orchestra.

- Outdoor Concert Series Update
Ms. Neely plans to meet with the music committee to confirm plans for the various bands they wish to bring in for this year's series.

2. Literary Arts

- Open Mic Plans for March
Mr. Robinson reported that the February 11 poetry reading open mic went well. About 10 people attended and enjoyed the event. He met with the owner of KC Art Angels to discuss plans for moving forward. KC Art Angels are supportive of the LAC's plan to host two more open mic events on the second Saturdays in March and April. The events will take a break and then come back at the new Civic Center in the fall. KC Art Angels indicated interest in staying involved when the event moves. Ms. Neely is working with the legal department on the question regarding whether the open mic events need to be enclosed at the new Civic Center or if they can be out in the open, given that the content at times can be for a mature audience and not family friendly. The LAC also discussed preparing a schedule of open mic events with their scheduled

emcee so the information can be publicized since emcees tend to draw their followers.

The group also talked about organizing book signing/meet the author events at the Civic Center in the fall.

3. Public Art

- Public Art Committee Update – Civic Center
Ms. Neely shared information provided by Mr. Ristow who was not able to attend the LAC meeting tonight as he was attending the City Council meeting. The consultant is finalizing the draft of the master plan in the next day or two. When the draft is ready, it will be sent to the LAC. On February 28, the consultant will meet with the Governing Body at the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the master plan. On March 1, the Public Art Committee will meet to begin selection/procurement discussion. The Governing Body is anticipated to consider accepting the master plan on March 7.
- Civic Center Celebration
Ms. Behrmann reported the advisory committee for the Civic Center Celebration met recently for the second time. The group is considering theme ideas. Ms. Behrmann said the group suggested a number of art-related activities for the grand opening celebration, many of which the LAC is already organizing.
- Other Public Art Discussion
Ms. Tuckness stated she is looking for possible sites for art in Zones 1 and 3. Mr. Robinson suggested Hidden Woods Park (83rd & Quivira) as a possible Zone 1 location. Ms. Kimmi suggested ways to identify new possible artists for consideration.

4. Scholarships

The deadline to apply for an art scholarship was February 15. Ms. Neely said 10 applications were received: four performing art, five visual art and one literary. Mr. Dothage will coordinate judging for the visual and performing art scholarships. Ms. Neely will send the literary art application to the judges at JCCC. She will also send visual art judge Lory Rodak photos of the art that was entered prior to the judging date. Ms. Neely will update the plaque at City Hall in time for the scholarship recognitions on April 4.

5. Fundraising

Mr. Dothage handed out a draft of the sponsorship opportunities document. Ms. Neely will incorporate that information, along with any feedback from the LAC, into a document she is designing (which includes

photos, event descriptions and additional language from the city to comply with the sponsorship policy). Money that is raised through the LAC’s sponsorship efforts will be deposited into the Endowment Fund, earmarked for LAC programming. Once the sponsorship package has been finalized, it will be added to the web. The LAC will work with the Chamber to identify prospective sponsors. Mr. Robinson suggested sending letters to the largest companies in town. Once the list of prospective sponsors is compiled, the list will be shared with the LAC so members can identify people with whom they have connections so they can reach out to those people individually. Emails will be sent to smaller companies to share the sponsorship opportunities. The LAC asked for an update on the status of the request to establish 501c3 status. Mr. Dothage said the city’s legal department is looking into it.

6. 2018 Budget Discussion

Mr. Dothage said the budget committee met to plan next year’s budget.

The following proposed budget was shared with the LAC:

Scholarships	\$ 3,500	(Increased \$500 - literary scholarship)
Movie Night	500	
Lenexa Art Fair	1,000	
Concert Series	5,000	(Increased \$1000 – to continue to attract quality bands)
Latino Art Bravisimo	1,000	
Children’s Theatre	4,000	
Spinach Festival	1,500	
Lenexa Artists’ Show	2,000	
Enchanted Forest	800	
Theatre Hike	2,500	
Gallery Shows	1,500	(Increased \$500 - supplies for new gallery)
HeART of Lenexa	1,000	
Symphony Orchestra	6,500	(Decreased \$2000 – GB direction)
Poetry Open Mic	500	(New – to cover emcee)
Miscellaneous	900	
Supplies	<u>500</u>	
TOTAL	\$32,700	

After a brief discussion on line items, the LAC agreed with the proposed \$500 budget increase.

Motion to recommend for City Council’s consideration a revised 2018 Lenexa Arts Council Budget with an increase of \$500 for a total of \$32,700 was made by Ms. Kimmi, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and approved 8-0.

7. Gallery Shows

- HeART of Lenexa Contest Gallery Show (January 31 – February 27), Reception (February 9)
Mr. Dothage said the reception was well attended by families (a wonderful mix of kids and adults). A Girl Scout troop from Mill Creek Elementary School entered as a troop and earned their photography badge in the process. Ms. Neely said the 2017 contest opens in April and the deadline to submit entries is December 31. Next year's HeART of Lenexa reception will be held in February at the new City Hall Art Gallery.

Ms. Ward left at 8:00 p.m.

- Art of War and Heartland Art Guild Exhibit (February 28 – April 28), Reception (March 2)
Ms. Tuckness reported on the meeting with the representatives from Ft. Leavenworth. The Art of War exhibit will be installed on February 27. The show will be on display February 28 through April 28. The exhibit will include five pieces to be displayed in the center display cases and seven helmets in the locked trophy case. These pieces are part of the Army Command and General Staff College collection of art and gift pieces. Heartland Art Guild will also display 2D art during this same time. The reception will be held on March 2, from 6 – 8 p.m. A brief program will begin at 6:45 p.m.
- Ms. Tuckness said Helen Benson and Heather Roman (2D & 3D) will display their work in May. That show will run May 2-30. Latino Art Bravisimo will follow during June and July. Latino Art Bravisimo will be the last show at the current City Hall gallery space. The Lenexa Artists' Show will be the first show at the new Civic Center gallery. It is scheduled July 31 – September 29.

8. Council Chambers Art

- Ms. Tuckness reported Bill Coulter will display several of his larger pieces in the Council Chambers. She will meet with him this week to install the pieces.

MARCH MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Dothage reminded everyone about the ArtsKC Luncheon on Thursday, February 23. Mr. Robinson suggested gathering the entire group for a photo with the mayor.

The Chamber Business Blast will take place on June 8 in Old Town. Mr. Dothage confirmed the LAC will host a booth again this year. The group mentioned this would be a good opportunity to share the sponsorship brochure with potential sponsors.

Mr. Dothage announced the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is April 11. Formal invitations will be coming.

Ms. Kimmi updated the group on this year's KC FRINGE Festival.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Ms. Plaster, and approved 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary