

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 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 7:00 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.

Mr. Dothage welcomed back visitor Maura Conry.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the February 21, 2017 minutes was made by Mr. Trott, seconded by Ms. Behrmann and approved 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. Music

a. Community Orchestra

- Conductor Update

Ms. Neely is working with the Legal Department on creating the agreement with Richard Ryan (scope of services was drafted and sent to Legal).

- Marketing and Promotion Plan

The marketing plan was drafted and run by the LAC marketing committee for input. Goals are to recruit musicians and volunteers to support the orchestra, attract people to attend the concerts and seek sponsors. Ms. Neely has met with the city Communications Department to coordinate implementation of the plan. She said an

article will appear in the April issue of Town Talk. The volunteer positions have been added to the city's online Volunteer web page. Ms. Neely will start the process of working with 99Designs to create a logo and update the volunteer positions to mention that rehearsals will take place in the evenings. As soon as the rehearsal location is confirmed she will update the orchestra page on the website.

- **Budget**
Mr. Dothage inquired if the LAC is still within the \$8,500 budget. Ms. Neely confirmed they are, but there are a few things to work out yet. The cost of the conductor is anticipated to be \$5,000 with \$1,000 planned for unexpected expenses. The committee is still working out details for the rehearsal space, transportation of equipment, etc. Most of the marketing efforts should be free except for some Facebook advertising and possibly a banner.
- **Concert Sites**
Mr. Robinson reported that he and Ms. Neely met with Richard Ryan, the conductor, at Community Covenant Church to determine whether the facility would work for the location of the first concert on July 22. Mr. Ryan indicated the facility is too small, but it could work if no other option is available. The group discussed other possible locations including, St. James Academy, Holy Trinity Church, Lenexa Baptist Church, Shawnee Mission Unitarian Universalist Church (formerly Bonjour School). The other two concerts (August 5 and 19) are planned for the Lenexa Commons Amphitheater at the new civic campus. Ms. Neely stated the size of the amphitheater stage is 20x40'. Mr. Robinson will check with Mr. Ryan to find out the preferred size for the stage. Other options to increase the size of the stage will be examined if needed.
- **Other Orchestra Discussion**
Mr. Robinson indicated Curtis Mulvenon with SMW, who has been working with the committee to create the Community Orchestra, has offered to work with the LAC and allow them to use the school's music stands, music and large instruments. Details need to be worked out with respect to any legal agreement, transportation of equipment, etc. Mr. Robinson will coordinate details with Mr. Mulvenon as soon as possible if an agreement is required. He will also schedule a meeting with the orchestra committee to touch base and stay on track with plans.

Ms. Kimmi arrived at 7:15 p.m. during the Community Orchestra discussion.

b. Outdoor Concert Series

- Schedule of Bands Update

Ms. Neely said the schedule is completed.

May 7 – SMW Strings and SMNW Jazz

May 21 – Starhaven Rounders

May 28 – Crown Jazz Band

June 4 – 3 Bricks Shy

June 11 – Alferd Packer Memorial Strings Band

Sept. 17 – Knock Kneed Sally

Sept. 24 – Abbey Road

- Marketing and Promotion Plan

Ms. Neely reported she is in the process of getting the agreements approved by the Legal Department and then executed, as well as all paperwork in order for processing checks. Marketing includes creating a banner and T-shirts. The LAC agreed a light color such as yellow or white would be fine. Other marketing will include the city's normal channels such as e-newsletters, Town Talk and social media. LAC members will need to sign up for the concerts they can attend.

2. Literary Art

a. Open Mic Plans for April

Mr. Robinson announced the Poetry Reading Open Mic events are on hold until they can be held at the civic campus in the fall. He asked the LAC for feedback about whether it would be desirable to include volunteers from the community to assist with various LAC activities. They liked the idea of engaging more volunteers. The LAC would continue to oversee each activity. Ms. Neely indicated the volunteer opportunities could be listed on the city's Volunteer web page. Mr. Robinson will coordinate a meeting to plan the re-launch of the open mic events in the fall.

3. Public Art

a. Public Art Committee Update

- Master Plan for Civic Campus Art

Ms. Wampler reported the plan was taken to the Committee of the Whole last month. She indicated the Mayor urged consideration for a piece of suspended art in the lobby of the Rec Center, perhaps a companion piece to the one in the City Hall lobby, if possible. The Public Art Committee meets again next week.

b. Other Public Art Discussion

- 3D Display Cases (New City Hall Art Gallery)

Mr. Dothage said Ms. Neely has done some research on display cases. Ms. Ward said their current cases are old, not in very good

shape and do not lock. The LAC feels they must have locks on any new ones that are purchased. Ms. Neely submitted a proposal to the LAC gallery committee and Mr. Ristow. Mr. Ristow will follow up with the Finance Department to coordinate funding. Cost for 10 various sized pedestals with covers and locks is just under \$10,000.

- Public Art – Citywide

Ms. Tuckness gave an update on the three zone areas and their boundaries. She believes the city has approximately \$7,000 in each zone. She shared a website, www.dinostatues.com, which features dinosaur statues the LAC might consider for placement in a city park. Ms. Tuckness will do further research and meet with the LAC Public Art Committee and then come back to a future LAC meeting with a recommendation. Mr. Robinson also mentioned the bird sculpture located in front of the businesses and Urgent Care on Quivira at 91st Street. He wondered if the sculpture is for sale and if the LAC would want to purchase it.

Mr. Ristow arrived at 8 p.m. during the Public Art discussion.

4. Scholarships

a. Governing Body Presentation

Mr. Dothage said the scholarship winners will be presented at the April 4 council meeting. Ms. Neely said the judging has been completed for the three scholarship categories, and the recommended winners are:

- Visual: Kayley Brethour - \$1000; Abigail Gibbons - \$500
- Performing: Erin Wheeler - \$1000; Skyler Oleson - \$500
- Literary: Victoria Hall - \$250

The LAC viewed the art by the winners in visual and performing art categories. The LAC agreed with the judges' recommendations.

Motion to accept the judges' recommendations for 2017 scholarship winners was made by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Trott, and approved 9-0.

5. Sponsorship Program

Mr. Dothage will coordinate a meeting of the committee soon. Mr. Ristow shared that Legal is finalizing a presentation regarding 501c3 to present to the City Council in the near future.

6. Gallery Shows
 - a. Art of War and Heartland Art Guild Exhibits Reception Recap
The LAC agreed the show and reception was excellent. Ms. Tuckness proposed an ongoing permanent and rotating display of pieces from the Art of War exhibit at the new City Hall.
 - b. Helen Benson and Heather Roman (May 2 – 30)
The show is confirmed for May.
 - c. Latino Art Bravisimo (June-July), Reception Date (June 22)
Ms. Neely said this will be the final show at the current City Hall Art Gallery. She met with Diego Alvarez at the Mexican Consulate to coordinate. They are very supportive of the show. The applications have been updated and are ready to send to prospective artists. Art will be accepted on June 5 at City Hall from 4:30 – 6 p.m. Paul Garcellano has agreed to serve as a juror. LAC will prepare labels for this show. The reception is scheduled for June 22 at 6 p.m. Two judges are still needed to select the award winners.
 - d. Lenexa Artists' Show (July 31 – September 29)
Ms. Neely stated this will be the inaugural show at the new City Hall Art Gallery. The application has been updated and is available online. Reception is scheduled for September 21 at 6:30 p.m.
 - e. Remainder of 2017 Gallery Shows
The schedule for 2017 is nearly filled. October will feature Carl D' Amico. Ms. Tuckness showed a website featuring art by a Lenexa artist, Michael Albrechtsen, who is planned for the November 2D exhibit. Digital Dimensions will display their photography during December.
7. Council Chambers Art
 - a. Bill Coulter
Mr. Dothage said the photographs in the Council Chambers are gorgeous. He suggested the group like the artist on Facebook.

APRIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Dothage said the deadline to RSVP for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is April 4. The event is Tuesday, April 11. He encouraged all members to attend.

Mr. Dothage reported the LAC will have a booth at this year's Chamber Business Blast again. The date is June 8 from 4 – 7 p.m.

Ms. Wampler said she has been in contact with Liz from the Chamber to coordinate the 2017 Art Trolley Tour. The group discussed possible dates and prefer to host the event on September 14, in conjunction with the city's September celebration at the new civic campus. Other possible locations to pursue for this year's tour include Henderson Engineering and Panzons.

Ms. Neely asked the LAC if they would like to support the Lenexa Art Fair by sponsoring a children's art tent (volunteers could be added to help run the booth, but LAC would organize/host it). Ms. Kimmi suggested coming up with a recycle art project. Mr. Robinson mentioned he may be able to get materials from Goodwill. The LAC agreed to host the booth from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on May 13.

Mr. Robinson brought up the concern about the potential loss of federal funding for the arts. Should the LAC, as a board, state a position or contact representatives about this issue. Mr. Ristow mentioned the city has a legislative platform, which could be a way to voice concerns. He said he would look into this further.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary