

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2016 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, Glenn Poe, Rob Robinson, Judy Tuckness, Jennifer Wampler and Claire Ward.

Arts Council member absent: Kay Plaster.

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 January 26, 2016 minutes was made by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Tuckness, and approved 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Committee Reports

A. Music

- **Outdoor Concert Series**
Ms. Neely reported two slots are open (May 29 and June 19). Music House is not available and no one has heard back from the military band. The LAC's first choices are New Red Onion Jazz Babies for May 29 and The Good Foot for June 19. J Love Band and Anchovy Fisherman are a few other options. The LAC will begin contacting local civic or nonprofit groups to see if they would be interested in selling concessions at the concerts as a fundraiser. Members who have suggestions should coordinate with Ms. Wampler.
- **Community Orchestra**
Ms. Wampler said they are ready to discuss the Community Orchestra proposal with the Governing Body at a Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Dothage will coordinate with Mr. Ristow to get that item added to an upcoming COW meeting.

B. Literary Arts Update

Ms. Neely said she will check availability of the Thompson Barn and rates and availability of PlexPod. Mr. Robinson said he will organize a follow-up meeting with the high school teachers and students to check out the possible locations and provide additional input.

C. Public Art

- *Amusing Breeze* Update

Mr. Poe reported artist Chris Duh continues to make progress. Installation will likely take place in May.

- Art Consultant Update

Mr. Dothage said he spoke with Mr. Ristow and he is vetting potential candidates for the position. If LAC members have any additional people for consideration, please contact Mr. Ristow. Ms. Wampler asked for the list of candidates.

Ms. Kimmi arrived at 7:17 p.m.

D. Scholarships

Mr. Dothage stated they have received a few inquiries, but no applications yet. He said that some of his contacts at various schools left their positions. He plans to update his contact list after this year's process.

E. Lenexa Arts Council Master Plan and 2017 Budget

- LAC Master Plan Work Session

The LAC reviewed the compiled draft document, which includes the vision for the various committees: Public Art, Theater Art, Galleries & Art Show, Literary Art, Musical Art and Scholarships. Mr. Dothage asked the LAC to review the document during the next month and send any proposed changes to Ms. Neely and be prepared to discuss and vote on the final plan at the March meeting.

- Governing Body Presentation of LAC Master Plan and Annual Report Timeline

Mr. Dothage said he plans to present the master plan to the Governing Body at the same time as the LAC annual report, either in April or May. Mr. Poe suggested that both reports should include the LAC Mission Statement.

- Budget Planning Report

Mr. Dothage reported the Budget Committee met last Thursday to prepare a recommended 2017 budget for the LAC's review. LAC's 2016 budget is \$21,200. The LAC discussed line by line items to

see where changes needed to be made. Changes for the 2017 proposed budget includes a recommended increase of \$1,000 for the Outdoor Concert Series, increase of \$500 for Theatre Hike to allow for two performances and an increase of \$8,500 for the new symphony orchestra. The LAC plans to reallocate the expenses associated with Latino Art Bravisimo. The LAC is interested in showing the art from the Latino community if the Mexican Consulate will organize the artists, but the reception and awards would no longer be needed. Money would be reallocated from the existing budget (including the Latino Art Bravisimo) to support an increase of \$1,000 for the Gallery Shows/Art Show (this also anticipates a nice reception for the opening of the new gallery at City Center that can also serve as a way to showcase the new gallery to new prospective artists), \$1,000 for the HeART of Lenexa Contest, and \$250 for a literary prize given at the same time as the annual scholarships. Ms. Ward will contact the Mexican Consulate to find out if they will coordinate the artists for a Latino show in Lenexa prior to the show at the Consulate. The Literary Committee will develop criteria for a literary award for students.

The LAC discussed having a presence at the Lenexa Art Fair this year. Ms. Neely said a new sponsor plans to provide an activity that involves art for children. Mr. Dothage asked Ms. Neely to see if there is space for the LAC to host a booth if they would decide to.

Mr. Ristow arrived at 8:20 p.m.

Ms. Neely mentioned that Parks and Recreation is looking at another children's theater group that might replace Missoula Children's Theater if the offering is better. The LAC didn't have a great concern about switching as long as the new program offers better service or is less expensive. They also discussed raising the theatre camp fee to be closer in line with other summer camps. The budget line item "Missoula Children's Theatre" will be changed to "Children's Theater Camp".

Mr. Dothage asked the LAC members who have comments or suggestions to notify Ms. Neely as soon as possible. He would like them to vote on the budget at the March meeting.

F. Gallery Shows

- February Show and February 4 Reception Recap
Mr. Dothage commented the Art of Lenexa Show and reception went very well. He indicated the LAC's commitment to continue the contest. Everyone agreed that Emma Neely did a nice job with this Girl Scout Gold Award project. Ms. Tuckness mentioned the

contest will change to “HeART of Lenexa Contest” to coordinate with the LAC’s other promotions and to also broaden the theme to include anything people love about Lenexa. The contest will begin in March 2016 to give people more time to participate and end in November. Judging will take place in December and the gallery show will be held in February 2017.

- Artists for 2016 Gallery Shows Update
Ms. Tuckness reported the Fractured Fabric Society will have their quilts on display during March. The April show will feature Julaire Sterbach and KC Art Angels (2D and 3D), and possibly large art for the council chambers. Music themed (2D) photography by Jim Mathis and (3D) wearable jewelry art by Lan Strickland will be on display in May. The June, July and August shows need to be filled. The annual Lenexa Artists’ Show will be held in September. Nancy Overmyer will have her (3D) gourd art on display in October. Studio 7 Quilts will comprise both (2D and 3D) art for November. The December/January show will be photography from Digital Dimensions and the February 2017 show, HeART of Lenexa.

G. Council Chambers Art

- Artists for 2016
Ms. Tuckness asked Mr. Dothage to find out if Gary Lucy would be available to show his work in 2016.

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. Poe shared an article from the October 2015 *Martha Stewart Living* magazine. One of the past gallery artists Angie Pickman is featured.

Mr. Ristow thanked the LAC for their support of public art funds for future Civic Center art.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary