

## MINUTES AND AGENDAS

### **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2016 ARTS COUNCIL MEETING LENEXA CITY HALL, 12350 W. 87<sup>TH</sup> ST. PKWY, LENEXA, KS**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Claire Ward.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Kay Plaster, Glenn Poe, Rob Robinson and Judy Tuckness.

Arts Council members absent: Wayne Dothage, Cheryl Kimmi and Jennifer Wampler,

Staff member present: Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor.

#### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the February 16, 2016 minutes was made by Mr. Poe, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and approved 6-0.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### 1. Committee Reports

###### A. Music

- Outdoor Concert Series Update

Ms. Neely reported that a performer is needed for the May 29 (Memorial Day weekend) concert. She said the entire \$3,000 budget is already committed to the six other concerts. The original plan was to arrange for a military band which would not charge a fee, however, the LAC was unable to secure a military band for this year's series. Ms. Neely will contact David Krug to explore whether his band will perform for \$600. The LAC will reallocate money from this year's budget to cover the expenses of the May 29 band, up to \$600. If David Krug's band is not available she will reach out to David Parsley, who recently expressed interest in performing at a city event. Ms. Neely said the band leader from SM West High School is planning to bring a small group of jazz musicians out to the May 1 concert along with the SM West orchestra. She will have Ms. Wampler check to see if SM West would also like to sell concessions that evening.

- Community Orchestra  
Mr. Robinson said there are no new updates. The LAC is ready to take this item to the Governing Body at an upcoming COW meeting. They anticipate having it added to the agenda this spring before the 2017 budget recommendations in July.

#### B. Literary Arts Update

Mr. Robinson reported the committee met last week. The next step is to gather the teachers and students to get additional input about location and format for the poetry slams. He has reached out to SMNW and Ms. Neely is following up with SMW and SMS. Ms. Kimmi will connect with local known poets who might consider partnering with the LAC to lead/host events. Ms. Neely said she will schedule a meeting with the subcommittee, teachers and students in April (with pizza) at a park shelter.

#### C. Public Art

- *Amusing Breeze* Update  
Mr. Poe spoke with artist Chris Duh. The components of the art are ready to be painted. He will follow up with Mr. Duh in mid-April to begin discussing the timeframe for installation in May.
- Art on Loan Pieces  
Mr. Poe reported he looked at “art on loan” pieces in Roeland Park and Olathe. Olathe has nine pieces and pays \$1,500 annually. Mr. Robinson suggested seeking corporate sponsors for the pedestals/art on an annual basis. Ms. Neely explained how the city’s sponsorship program works and suggested that this could be included in the opportunities. Mr. Robinson shared a video about Anthony Howe’s kinetic wind sculptures. The LAC agreed one of his pieces would be good to consider for City Center. Mr. Poe recommended the city plan for \$3,000 - \$5,000 per piece per year for “art on loan” pieces at City Center. Ms. Neely will talk with Lindsay Hart, Recreation Superintendent, about whether this opportunity could be fleshed out and added to the city’s sponsorship program in the future.

#### D. Scholarships

- April City Council Meeting Award Presentation  
Ms. Neely said the deadline for scholarship applications was March 1. Twelve applications were received (8 for visual art and 4 for performing art). Mr. Dothage sent the performing art applications to the judges and is coordinating with the visual art judges to schedule a time for them to view the visual art applications. The LAC will present the scholarship awards at the April 19 City Council meeting.

E. Lenexa Arts Council Master Plan and 2017 Budget

- Final Discussion and Approval of LAC Master Plan  
Ms. Neely commented she did not receive any changes for the master plan. Mr. Dothage will prepare the introduction/cover and she will assist as needed. Ms. Neely will work with Mr. Ristow to add this to a future COW meeting along with the LAC annual report.
- Final Discussion and Approval of 2017 Budget  
Ms. Neely handed out the proposed 2017 LAC budget and went over the changes. Ms. Neely and Ms. Ward shared the discussion they had last week with Humberto Cruz in the Community Affairs office at the Mexican Consulate of KC regarding the continuation of the Latino Art Bravisimo. Mr. Cruz says the Mexican Consulate values the show in Lenexa as it brings exposure to the Latino artists and our communities in Lenexa and downtown. He committed to being the point person for organizing the artists for the show. He will put out the call for artists, accept applications and communicate with the artists. The LAC will provide him the standards for the show, and offer to jury the show as normal to ensure quality and appropriate art. Following the show in Lenexa, the Mexican Consulate will arrange for the show to go on display in their gallery. Both Ms. Neely and Ms. Ward believe it would be valuable to continue the artist reception, but the amount spent on the reception could be trimmed back so about half of the money could be reallocated to other art programming. The LAC agreed with this plan and discussed ways to trim costs for the reception. Ms. Neely will follow up with Mr. Cruz regarding the LAC's support to continue the show and reception as discussed.

Literary arts does not require its own line item at this time. The LAC will develop the program in 2016 using existing funding or seek support from sponsors.

The 2017 Proposed Lenexa Arts Council Budget is:

Scholarships	\$ 3,000
May is Music	500
Lenexa Art Fair	1,000
Concert Series	4,000 (Increased \$1000)
Latino Art Bravisimo	1,000 (Decreased \$1000)
Children's Theatre Camp	4,000
Spinach Festival	1,500
Lenexa Artists' Show	2,000
Enchanted Forest	800
Theatre Hike	2,500 (Increased \$500)

Gallery Shows	1,000 (Increased \$1000)
HeART of Lenexa	1,000 (Reallocated from Latino Art)
Symphony Orchestra	8,500 (New Program pending approval)
Miscellaneous	900
Supplies	<u>500</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,200</b>

**Motion to approve the 2017 Proposed Lenexa Arts Council Budget with an increase of \$11,000 for a total of \$32,200 was made by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Behrmann, and approved 6-0.**

F. Gallery Shows

- March Show  
Ms. Ward said she loves the quilt show. She thanked Ms. Tuckness for getting the show installed. The LAC agreed the Fractured Fabric Society quilt show is wonderful. The LAC discussed ways to produce uniform labels for all their gallery shows.
- April Show  
Ms. Tuckness said the April show will feature art by the KC Art Angels.
- Artists for 2016 Gallery Shows Update  
Ms. Tuckness reported the 2016 schedule is nearly full and she is beginning to schedule into 2017. Openings include July/August after Latino Art Bravisimo. The LAC is open to keeping the Latino show on display longer to accommodate the Mexican Consulate's schedule. The other opening is for 2D art in October. Mr. Poe suggested a Pastel Society Show.

G. Council Chambers Art

- Artists for 2016  
Ms. Tuckness said the KC Art Angels may also provide large art, which may be appropriate for the Council Chambers.

**APRIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Ms. Neely shared the Chamber Business Blast will take place on June 9, from 4 – 7 p.m. in Old Town. The LAC agreed they would like to participate again. More info to come. Ms. Tuckness will look into the costs for new LAC shirts to wear at events such

as the Business Blast. The group would like to look at costs for polo shirts. Ms. Tuckness will report back when she has details.

Ms. Neely said the contact from Theatre Hike indicated two performances of “Driving Miss Daisy” will cost \$2,200 on October 1 and 2. The LAC supports moving forward with this plan.

Mr. Poe provided information about the Nelson-Atkins Art Gallery’s exhibit featuring Rembrandt and Vermeer on display through May 29. This show is only being shown in Boston and Kansas City. Mr. Poe will coordinate a date for the group to visit the gallery.

Ms. Behrmann shared the JoCo Arts is hosting a Volunteer Fair on April 26 from 4 – 7 p.m. at Johnson County Community College. Ms. Neely said Mr. Dothage will represent the LAC at this event. All are welcome to attend.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Poe, seconded by Ms. Plaster, and approved 6-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary