

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2016 ARTS COUNCIL MEETING LENEXA CITY HALL, 12350 W. 87TH ST. PKWY, LENEXA, KS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m. by Chairperson Wayne Dothage following the LAC scholarship presentation at the City Council meeting held in the Council Chambers.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Cheryl Kimmi, Kay Plaster, Glenn Poe, Rob Robinson, 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 March 15, 2016 minutes was made by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Poe, and approved 9-0.

Ms. Wampler mentioned that under "Open Discussion" on page 5 the Nelson-Atkins Art Gallery was misspelled (Adkins). Ms. Neely said it would be corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. Music

- **Outdoor Concert Series Marketing**
Ms. Neely reported t-shirts have been ordered and should be here in time for the May 1 concert. Bookmarks with concert dates were prepared and are being placed in the community for people to pick up and use. LAC members can distribute some also. Other promotions include Town Talk, HOA flyer, Facebook Event pages, My Lenexa News, employee newsletter, web, e-newsletters, posters and banner at park shelter.
- **Concessions Criteria for Outdoor Concerts**
Ms. Neely said she will prepare guidelines to help the concession operators. She will try to provide info on the web or social media

also. If anyone has a civic group for any of the concerts, please coordinate through her.

- LAC Volunteer Sign-Up
Ms. Neely handed out a sign-up for LAC members to indicate the concerts they will attend. She will be able to be at all of them except three. When she is not in attendance, she will leave a checklist of things to do, the check for the band and phone numbers for city staff in case of any emergencies.

2. Literary Arts Update

- Status Report and Partnership Discussion
Mr. Robinson reported that he, Mr. Dothage and Ms. Neely met with KC Art Angels to explore a possible partnership. KC Art Angels is supportive and has offered to host poetry events at their new gallery located in Old Town. The first event, Poetry Event Idea Summit, has been scheduled for May 2 at 6 p.m. at KC Art Angels. Evite has been sent out. LAC is encouraged to attend if possible. Pizza from Jerry's Bait Shop and coffee will be available.

3. Public Art

- *Amusing Breeze* Installation and Dedication Dates
Mr. Poe stated installation is scheduled for May 17 (rain date is May 18). Ms. Neely said Communications is interested in showing streaming video of a portion of the installation on Facebook if possible. Mr. Poe will coordinate with Chris Duh to determine the most appropriate time to video the installation. The LAC decided to host the dedication at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, just prior to the outdoor concert. Ms. Neely confirmed the art plaques for *Amusing Breeze* and *Frenzied Flight* have been ordered and are expected to arrive approximately May 5.
- Art Consultant Update
Mr. Dothage reported a RFQ has been drafted. Ms. Kimmi and Ms. Wampler have been asked to serve on the selection committee.

4. Scholarships Recap

Mr. Dothage said the judges commented all applicants were highly qualified. Visual arts winners: Zach Ruschill, Shawnee Mission Northwest (\$1,000) and Cade McCoy, Saint James Academy (\$500). Performing arts winners: Rose Smithson, Shawnee Mission South (\$1,000) and Mia Shearon, Olathe Northwest (\$500). Ms. Ward requested that in the future, the LAC have the opportunity to see the performing art winners' submissions. She also suggested considering posting the winners' work online. Ms. Neely indicated this is possible, but waivers must be signed in advance. The LAC also discussed having a plaque that lists each year's

winner. Mr. Dothage reported Mayor Boehm has requested the LAC scholarship presentation be made at the first meeting in April rather than the second meeting due to that meeting having a lighter agenda. Mr. Dothage is looking to recruit new performing art judges since the current ones are retiring this year.

Mr. Ristow arrived at 8:10 p.m.

5. Lenexa Arts Council Master Plan and 2017 Budget

- Final LAC Master Plan with Introduction

Mr. Dothage inquired if everyone was happy with the latest version of the master plan that has been circulated. The LAC agreed it is ready to be presented.

- LAC Master Plan, Year End Report and Orchestra Proposal Presentation

Mr. Dothage shared the LAC Master Plan, Annual Report, 2017 LAC Recommended Budget and Symphony Orchestra Proposal will be presented at the May 10 COW meeting, rather than at the April 26 meeting. The LAC indicated they would like to post the master plan on the city website after it is presented to the Governing Body. It was also suggested to include the survey results as a part of the master plan document.

6. Chamber Business Blast

Mr. Dothage reported the event is June 9, from 4-7 p.m. at Old Town with setup beginning at 2 p.m. LAC plans to arrive about 2:30 p.m. Ms. Ward will prepare a flyer and send to Ms. Neely for printing. Other items to set out include LAC magnets, candy and piñatas to promote Latino Art Bravisimo. The LAC photo board and banner will need to be picked up from Ms. Neely before she leaves on vacation. Ms. Tuckness showed a sample royal blue polo shirt that is proposed as the new LAC shirt. Cost is \$20. LAC members agreed to bring their \$20 to next month's meeting.

7. Gallery Shows

- April Show

Ms. Tuckness said the current show is KC Art Angels which features art from three artists. KC Art Angels recently purchased a building in Old Town which will be an art center. They are a group of artists that have joined forces to spread joy and awareness for the greater good. They are on a mission to revitalize the arts in the community. Mr. Ristow said they were upstairs at the City Council meeting tonight and have indicated a willingness to partner with the city on several endeavors.

- **May Show**
Ms. Tuckness said the May show features Jim Mathis photography (music themed) and Lan Strickland's wearable art jewelry. The installation is next Monday at 2 p.m. Ms. Neely said the artists' reception is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 28.
 - **Latino Art Bravisimo**
The Latino show runs June 10 through August 15, with the installation date of June 6. The reception is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, June 17.
8. **Council Chambers Art**
Ms. Tuckness said KC Art Angels has some of their work on display currently in the Council Chambers.
9. **Art Trolley Tour**
Ms. Wampler reported she is working with the Chamber on dates for this year's event; possibly in July. The LAC discussed potential stops. The tour will begin at City Hall and another stop may include KC Art Angels.

MAY MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

- A. **Officer Elections – May 17, 2016 Meeting**
Elections will be held at the May meeting. Mr. Dothage asked the LAC to be thinking if they would like to serve.
- B. **Lenexa Art Fair – Saturday, May 7, 2016**
Volunteers are needed for the event. Ms. Neely said new volunteer shirts will be available this year. Anyone interested should please contact Jenny Doty.
- C. **Volunteer Dinner – Monday, April 25, 2016**
Mr. Dothage reminded everyone to RSVP for the volunteer dinner which will be held at the Grand Street Cafe.
- D. **Movie Night – Friday, May 27, 2016**
Ms. Neely reported lawn games begin at 5:30 p.m. with the featured film, Disney's "Finding Nemo" to start around 8:30 p.m. This Movie in the Park event will be held at Ad Astra Park, 83rd Street & Maurer Road.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary