

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 2016 ARTS COUNCIL MEETING LENEXA CITY HALL, 12350 W. 87TH ST. PKWY, LENEXA, KS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairperson Wayne Dothage.

Arts Council members present: Cheryl Kimmi, Kay Plaster, Glenn Poe, Rob Robinson, Judy Tuckness, Jennifer Wampler and Claire Ward.

Arts Council member absent: Emily Behrmann.

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 April 19, 2016 minutes was made by Ms. Tuckness, seconded by Ms. Plaster, and approved 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of 2016-17 Officers

Nominations for the chairperson position included Mr. Dothage by Ms. Tuckness and Mr. Robinson by Mr. Poe.

Ms. Ward arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Discussion was held that recent practice has been to serve two years, although the LAC is not bound by specific term limits for these two positions. LAC members also noted the council could benefit from continuity of keeping the same leader for one more year as the city completes the new City Hall and Rec Center in the coming year. Through paper ballot, Mr. Dothage was elected to continue to serve as chairperson.

Ms. Kimmi arrived at 7:08 p.m.

For the vice-chairperson Mr. Poe nominated Ms. Ward and Ms. Tuckness nominated Mr. Robinson. Through paper ballot, Ms. Ward was chosen to to serve as vice-chairperson for another year.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. Music

- Outdoor Concert Series Update

Ms. Wampler reported the first two concerts were good events. Weather was cold, and it rained prior to the second concert. The weather affected the turnout at both concerts. Ms. Neely handed out bookmarks listing the concert dates to the LAC to distribute. Sky Blue Band, Jim Mathis, is scheduled for this Sunday.

2. Literary Arts Update

- Poetry Event Idea Summit Recap

Mr. Robinson said he wished there would have been more participation from students at the meeting on May 2 at KC Art Angels Gallery, but it was a good meeting. The first poetry reading open mic event will be held on Saturday, June 11, beginning at 7 p.m. at KC Art Angels Gallery. Main promotion will be with teachers/students. This will be challenging since school will be out. The event will also be promoted through the city's other communications channels. Ms. Kimmi is looking for an emcee for that evening.

3. Public Art

- *Amusing Breeze* Installation (May 17) and Dedication (May 22)

Mr. Poe shared photos of *Amusing Breeze*. It was installed today in the light rain. The LAC is excited the piece is installed and happy with the results. The dedication is scheduled for Sunday, May 22 at 4 p.m. before the concert. Mia Shearon, one of the performing art scholarship winners, will perform gathering music.

- Art Consultant Update

Mr. Dothage reported the deadline to respond to the RFP is May 20. Mr. Ristow anticipates receiving four proposals. Ms. Kimmi and Ms. Wampler from the LAC have been appointed to serve on the committee to review proposals and work with the consultant. Ms. Wampler commented she has concerns about the compressed timeframe for the process. Ms. Ward inquired if other LAC members would be allowed to sit in and listen to the meetings. She would also like to go through the most recent art survey and summarize for the consultant. Mr. Dothage said he will send out the meeting schedule to the LAC.

4. Lenexa Arts Council Master Plan, 2017 Budget and Orchestra Presentation Recap

Mr. Dothage updated the LAC regarding his presentation at the May 10, COW meeting. Items presented included the LAC Master Plan, 2017 Proposed LAC Budget and the Community Orchestra Proposal. He said the Governing Body was impressed with the master plan and complimented the LAC for their work. They appreciated the 3-year plan. The idea of leasing art at the Civic Center was also discussed. Regarding theatre arts, the Governing Body talked about small shows and outdoor performances. They specifically mentioned they do not want to compete with Theatre in the Park. The new indoor auditorium will be a good opportunity for debate events or competitions. They were also receptive to the idea of a theatre tech scholarship in the future. The Governing Body appreciates the LAC is continuing to develop a relationship with the Mexican Consulate and the Lenexa Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dothage said the Governing Body was impressed with the extensive research and the people with whom the LAC members met with for input on establishing a community orchestra. They like the idea of a summer series and considering a conductor from a high school. They will take the orchestra proposal under consideration when they discuss the budget. Mr. Dothage also shared with the Governing Body the budget line increases the LAC has requested for 2017.

5. Chamber Business Blast (June 9)

Mr. Dothage indicated the event begins at 4 p.m. He will pick up LAC event flyers, photo board and LAC banners from Ms. Neely. Ms. Ward will bring piñatas, candy and colorful banners from Latino Art Bravisimo. Ms. Behrmann will bring tickets to a JCCC performance for the door prize.

6. Art Trolley

Ms. Wampler reported the date has been set for July 28. Tentative locations will be: City Hall (initial gathering spot), JCPRD and KC Art Angels. Ms. Wampler still needs to confirm with the KC Art Angels Gallery. Ms. Ward offered to donate chips and salsa for the reception at City Hall.

7. Gallery Shows

- May Show & Reception Recap

Ms. Tuckness reported photographer Jim Mathis sold three pieces before all of his art was even hung. Mr. Dothage said the jewelry pieces by Lan Strickland and the Jim Mathis work are both exquisite. The reception went well.

- Ms. Tuckness has contacted winners from the Lenexa Art Fair to exhibit their art in future gallery shows. Annie Glotzbach, 2D encaustic paintings, will display her pieces in October and Sara

Sally LaGrand, 3D glass art, will display in December/January.
This fills the schedule for 2016.

- Latino Art Bravisimo
Ms. Ward reported plans are underway, but not many artists have applied yet. Art will be brought in on Monday, June 6 for installation and judging will take place on Tuesday, June 7. The Latino show runs June 10 through August 15. The reception is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, June 17. Ms. Ward said she is looking forward to their partnership with the Mexican Consulate this year.

8. Council Chambers Art

Ms. Tuckness said KC Art Angels will have their work on display in the Council Chambers until Latino Art Bravisimo begins.

JUNE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Ms. Ward shared that she was approached at the Lenexa Art Fair from organizers of a Bonner Springs event called Festivals of Arts. This art show will be held on Saturday, June 25. They invited members of the LAC to attend.

Mr. Ristow arrived at 8:25 p.m. He handed out an updated Lenexa Arts Council Attendance Record and explained attendance requirements.

Ms. Neely gave a recap on the Lenexa Art Fair. She said this was the first year the event made it to 8 p.m. because of no threat of bad weather. The event was well organized, but attendance was a little down this year. She said staff will discuss if changes need to be made to the event. Survey results from artists, wineries and breweries have been positive.

Mr. Robinson inquired about performers for the Farmer's Market area. Mr. Ristow said the city recently hired a Public Market Manager who will oversee the Farmer's Market, but the department will work with them. Mr. Robinson wondered if the LAC would be involved with vetting the performers and entertainment for the plaza area. Mr. Ristow said details have not been ironed out at this time.

Ms. Tuckness thanked the city for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner that was held last month.

Mr. Ristow reminded the LAC to RSVP for the Topping Out Ceremony for the new City Hall and Rec Center on Tuesday, May 31.

Ms. Neely asked the LAC to take a look at their volunteer hours so far for the year and send their total to her.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary