

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 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, Kay Plaster, 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

Ms. Wampler introduced guest Dale Trott. He recently retired from the Art KC Board and is interested in getting involved with the LAC. Everyone welcomed him to the meeting.

Mr. Dothage said he would like to add a few items under open discussion. He said Mr. Robinson was approached about a neighborhood art idea and would like to present it to the LAC. Mr. Dothage also would like to discuss a social gathering for the LAC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the May 17, 2016 minutes was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Ms. Plaster, and approved 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Glenn Poe Thank-you

Mr. Dothage noted that Glenn Poe resigned last month from the LAC. Mr. Poe has accepted a volunteer position with the Nelson-Atkins Art Gallery. Mr. Dothage said he would like to officially acknowledge and thank Mr. Poe in the minutes.

Motion for the Lenexa Arts Council to officially acknowledge and thank Glenn Poe for his years of service to the Lenexa citizens through his efforts on the LAC was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. Music

- **Outdoor Concert Series Update (Successes and Improvements)**
Everyone agreed the series was successful. Mr. Dothage said there was a good variety of music offered. The LAC would like to invite Abbey Road back in 2017. The marketing efforts were effective (banners, Facebook, T-shirts and bookmarks). Attendance was good at most concerts (a little lower at the first two due to cold weather, and the last one most likely due to Fathers' Day priorities). The concession idea didn't work very well this year. If concessions are going to be considered in the future, the LAC should line up the concession providers when the bands are confirmed so they can be promoted in advance, along with the type of concessions that will be available and the groups they will benefit. Ms. Tuckness suggested that next year's T-shirt be a colored shirt and not white. The group also discussed ways to coordinate LAC volunteer participation at each event. Mr. Robinson suggested a signup program be used for LAC members to use when volunteering for their events. Ms. Neely will create a Signup Genius for each LAC event so members can volunteer and see who else is participating. The subcommittee will consider holding an emerging artists night. This might include LAC performing art scholarship winners.

2. Literary Arts Update

- **Poetry Slam Recap and Future Endeavors**
Mr. Robinson reported approximately 20 people from very diverse backgrounds attended the first poetry open mic night on June 11 at KC Art Angels. KC Art Angels was pleased with the turnout and participation. Having an emcee is very important to keep the event moving. Ms. Behrmann will invite Jen Harris to emcee an upcoming event. Ms. Kimmi and Ms. Behrmann will work on filling the emcee slots in advance. Mr. Robinson said they decided to set out a tip jar that will go to the emcee. Snacks were not as necessary as the committee had originally thought. The LAC has committed to providing bottled water. KC Art Angels has committed to continuing the poetry open mic nights on the second Saturday of each month. Word of mouth will help the event grow and high school students are more likely to become engaged once school is back in session.

3. Public Art

- **Eugenia Ortiz Art**
Artist Eugenia Ortiz has offered to sell her two pieces, which have been on display in the City Hall Rotunda for a couple of years. Each piece sells for \$10,000. Currently the city does not have the funds to purchase these pieces, and any public art purchase would need to follow the public art purchasing policy. Ms. Ortiz has indicated she intends to take back her art in July when she returns from a trip. Ms. Ward will speak with Ms. Ortiz to coordinate when the pieces will be taken down. Ms. Neely will see if a parks maintenance staff person is available to assist also.
- **Art Consultant Update**
Ms. Wampler reported the committee met last week to hear presentations from the top three candidates. Most of the committee members, including Ms. Kimmi and Ms. Wampler from the LAC, favored Public Art & Practice first and Leopold Gallery second. Two members of the committee later changed their opinion and chose Leopold Gallery as their top pick. Continued effort is needed before the final recommendation is presented to City Council for their consideration.
- ***Amusing Breeze* Update**
Mr. Dothage said city staff is working with the artist on several maintenance issues: rust running off of the art onto the concrete base, adjusting the art to allow more kinetic movement and staining of pedestal base from grout leach, etc.

4. Chamber Business Blast Recap

Mr. Dothage reported the event was great. The group loved the new venue in Old Town. He thanked Ms. Behrmann for donating the tickets for door prizes. Next year's event is scheduled for June 8 in Old Town.

5. Art Trolley (July 28)

Ms. Wampler confirmed the stops: City Hall (Latino Art Bravisimo), JCPRD new admin office and KC Art Angels. The trolley will pass by *Amusing Breeze* after the second stop. Ms. Wampler will contact artist, Chris Duh, to invite him and his wife to attend, so Mr. Duh can talk about the art at that stop. Ms. Neely will work with Communications to have the event posted on Facebook so it can be shared easily. Ms. Ward and Ms. Neely will coordinate the food for the reception at City Hall. The LAC also discussed having Bill Nicks ride along to share some Lenexa history.

6. 2016/17 Committee Assignments

Mr. Dothage announced the committees will remain the same, except Ms. Tuckness will lead Public Art and Ms. Ward will oversee Gallery Shows.

Mr. Robinson suggested the LAC create a Fundraising Committee. Mr. Dothage will add this to a future agenda.

7. LAC Budget Presentation to Governing Body

Mr. Dothage inquired whether the LAC still needs to make a presentation to the Governing Body regarding their 2017 budget requests. Ms. Neely said there is no expectation for another presentation to the Governing Body, but she will confirm this with Mr. Ristow.

8. Theatre Hike

Ms. Neely said the LAC budgeted \$2,000 to cover the \$1,600 needed for a one day show plus other expenses. Theatre Hike is willing to do the show, "Driving Miss Daisy," on two days for the fee of \$2,200. There is not enough budget for the extra expense, but it could be funded with a sponsorship. Ms. Behrmann offered to contact Shawnee Mission Ford as a possible sponsor as long as it doesn't conflict with any other sponsorships with the city.

9. Gallery Shows

- Latino Art Bravisimo Show (June 10 – August 15) and Reception Recap (June 17)

Ms. Ward thanked Ms. Neely for her assistance with the show. She is pleased with the event and said the reception went well.

The next show scheduled is the Lenexa Artists' Show. The schedule for 2016, plus the first two months of 2017, is full. Ms. Ward will begin working on the schedule for 2017. Ms. Tuckness said with the new opening of City Hall and the uncertainty of when it opens, it may be challenging to plan very far in advance.

10. Council Chambers Art

Ms. Tuckness said the Lenexa Artists' Show will probably have some large pieces for the Council Chambers.

JULY MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

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

Mr. Ristow arrived at 8:25 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Robinson stated he was asked about how a resident might pursue having a mural painted on a street in their neighborhood as a traffic calming solution (this is something they had seen in another community). The LAC decided this idea is not one they would

like to pursue, but if the resident wishes to pursue it, they can get their neighborhood on board and contact the city's Community Development and/or Municipal Services departments. If this idea is accepted, the LAC would be willing to provide input regarding artists. Mr. Robinson said he will follow up with the resident.

Mr. Dothage suggested a summer social gathering for LAC members. He offered to provide a wine tasting. Ms. Ward offered to host at her house. Dates will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Ms. Kimmi said she will send VIP invitations to all members for the FRINGE! Opening.

Ms. Neely reminded members to turn in their volunteer hours.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary