

## MINUTES AND AGENDAS

### **MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 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 7:02 p.m. by Chairperson Wayne Dothage.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Cheryl Kimmi, Rob Robinson, Judy Tuckness, Jennifer Wampler and Claire Ward.

Arts Council member absent: Kay Plaster

Staff member present: Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor.

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

None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the June 21, 2016 minutes was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Ms. Ward, and approved 6-0.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### A. Committee Reports

###### 1. Music

Ms. Neely said the concert series wrap-up was done last month, thus There is no new discussion. The orchestra proposal is pending the Discussion and/or decision by the Governing Body when they approve the 2017 budget in August.

###### 2. Literary Arts Update

- Poetry Slam Recap (July 9)

The LAC agreed the event went well. The emcee, Jen Harris, was wonderful at the July event. Ms. Harris shared with the LAC that the event is actually a Poetry Reading Open Mic event and not a true Poetry Slam. Mr. Dothage said they would now refer to it as an Open Mic event. Ms. Neely said that all of the public

communications about the event has referred to it as a poetry reading open mic event. Ms. Harris plans to participate as emcee again at the August event, but is not available for the September event. The group discussed how they might communicate with the public that some content may be mature in nature. Ms. Neely suggested she will add a note on the web to communicate that some content may be mature.

- August Plans  
The next Open Mic event is scheduled for August 13. Mr. Robinson volunteered to supply some snacks. He also plans to reach out to the three teachers the LAC has been coordinating with and invite them to the August session so they will have first-hand experience with the event and can share information with students once school is back in session.
- Literary Arts \$250 Scholarship Application  
Mr. Dothage asked the subcommittee to begin working on criteria for the \$250 award so they can be prepared when it's time to announce the scholarship opportunities. Applications are made available to the public on November 1.

Ms. Wampler arrived at 7:14 p.m.

3. Public Art
  - Art Consultant Update  
Ms. Kimmi and Ms. Wampler provided an update. After the presentations by the top three candidates for the position, both Ms. Kimmi and Ms. Wampler shared concerns regarding one of the consultants. Additional follow up led to a recommendation to the Public Art Committee to recommend Public Art and Practice to the City Council pending successful negotiation of scope and price with the consultant. It appears the committee is supportive of that recommendation. The LAC asked for a copy of the proposal and presentation by Public Art and Practice. Ms. Tuckness asked whether the committee would be disbanded after the selection. Her hope would be that the LAC would be part of the decision making when reviewing the consultant's plans. Ms. Wampler said she understands that the committee would not be disbanded, but that the LAC would be involved with the selection of art. Mr. Dothage said he envisions the committee will be expanded to include the LAC. The LAC would like clarification about the plans and requests that the LAC be included in the group. Ms. Neely said she would pass along to Mr. Ristow the LAC's two requests: copy of the proposal and presentation by Public Art and Practice; and the LAC be included as a part of the committee to review/recommend the

consultant's plan for art at City Center. The LAC thanked Ms. Kimmi and Ms. Wampler for serving on the committee.

4. Art Trolley (July 28)

Ms. Wampler reported 11 people are registered currently. The trolley can hold 24, and she would like to fill the trolley so the Chamber of Commerce can recoup costs of the event. Ms. Ward volunteered to bring chips and wine for the reception at City Hall. Mr. Dothage will also bring some wine. Ms. Neely said she will supply salsa and cookies. LAC needs to arrive at City Hall about 5:30 p.m. to set up the reception.

5. Theatre Hike

Ms. Neely stated she is working on the agreement. Two days have been confirmed (October 1 and 2, starting at 2 p.m.) The Lenexa Chamber of Commerce has agreed to sponsor the event for \$600 to cover the additional costs for the second day performance. The play will be "Driving Miss Daisy."

6. Missoula Children's Theatre Recap

Mr. Dothage said 57 kids participated in the show, "Peter and Wendy." The performances were well done and very impressive. Ms. Neely shared a thank-you from the children to the LAC. She said staff is considering a different theatre group for next year. They have a lower fee and they offer different and additional workshops. Ms. Neely will find out which company is being considered and where they are from and report back to the LAC. Mr. Robinson indicated KC Art Angels would like to be involved in the future, if there is a good opportunity.

7. Gallery Shows

- Latino Art Bravisimo Show (June 10 – August 15)  
Ms. Ward said the Latino art will come down on August 15. Ms. Neely will coordinate with the Mexican Consulate to communicate with artists about picking up their pieces on that date.
- Lenexa Artists' Show (August 23 – September 28)  
The Lenexa Artists' Show will be juried and installed on August 22. Ms. Ward asked the LAC for assistance installing the art from 4:30 – 6 p.m. that evening. Ms. Neely said there are not many artists registered, but she is hoping more registrations will come in soon. The reception is scheduled for September 15.
- HeART of Lenexa Contest and Show  
Ms. Neely reported the contest does not have any entries yet, but that is not a concern since the deadline isn't until December 31.

## 8. Council Chambers Art

- Artists for 2016/17

Ms. Ward is looking for artists with large art to display in the Council Chambers for the remainder of the year. Ms. Neely did some research a few months ago about potential artists. She will send Ms. Ward and Ms. Tuckness the list.

Ms. Neely shared a new program “Lenexa Rocks” with the LAC. It’s a fun opportunity for people to engage with one another, enjoy the outdoors and brighten someone else’s day with art. You create a work of art on a rock and hide the rock some place in Lenexa (outdoors in a public place) for others to find and enjoy. When you find a painted rock, you can re-hide it somewhere else in Lenexa, or you can even keep it, but you’re encouraged to replace it with another painted rock. When you find or re-hide a rock, please take a picture and post it on our Lenexa Rocks Facebook page. The program is being done in numerous other cities around the country.

## **AUGUST MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

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

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Dothage asked everyone to send him possible dates in September and October that would work for the LAC Social. Ms. Ward offered to host the party at her home and Mr. Dothage will provide the wine.

Mr. Robinson brought up his concern and thoughts about the recent police shootings and violence against police. He wonders if there is something the LAC could do to bring the community together around art to honor police. Several ideas were discussed. One thought was to honor all public servants in the community rather than singling out just one group. The LAC will continue to think about this for a possible future discussion.

Ms. Kimmi passed out booklets with information about this year’s FRINGE! Festival. She also reminded the group about the VIP event on July 26.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Ms. Tuckness, and approved 7-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary