

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2016 ARTS COUNCIL MEETING LENEXA CITY HALL, 12350 W. 87TH ST. PKWY, LENEXA, KS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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: Logan Wagler, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation and Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the July 19, 2016 minutes was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and approved 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. Music

- Community Orchestra

Mr. Dothage reported the Governing Body has approved the LAC's proposal to create a new Community Orchestra. The plan is to fund the orchestra for three years, after which point, the orchestra should be self-sustaining. Ms. Wampler reported on the next steps as determined by the subcommittee. The priority will be to work with the city to hire the director. The subcommittee's proposed timeline is to post the position in September, interview candidates in November and December and have the new person in place early in 2017. The LAC indicated the need to begin seeking sponsors to support the orchestra. The LAC expects to have \$8,500 in 2017 for the orchestra, and that amount will go down each year following until the program is self-sustaining. Ms. Neely

will coordinate with Human Resources to post the job description as soon as the music subcommittee finalizes the job description for the director position.

Recognizing the need for fundraising/sponsorships to support the Community Orchestra and other LAC programming goals, Mr. Robinson proposed the LAC create a new fundraising committee. Ms. Behrmann, Ms. Kimmi and Ms. Wampler volunteered to serve on the committee. Ms. Neely and Mr. Wagler shared the city is revamping its current sponsorship policy. After the sponsorship policy is approved by the Governing Body, the LAC will invite Lindsay Hart, Recreation Superintendent, to visit their meeting to provide an update and discuss how best to coordinate pursuing sponsors.

- **Concert Series**
Ms. Wampler said the music committee will begin planning the 2017 concert schedule soon. If anyone has suggestions, please send them to her, Ms. Behrmann or Ms. Neely. Mr. Dothage indicated there is an additional \$1,000 in the 2017 budget to use. Ms. Neely stated Starhaven Rounders band is willing to look for a date in 2016 to do a make-up concert since their concert was rained out this past summer. She will look at the city calendar and facility availability to identify a few potential dates to suggest.

2. Literary Arts Update

- **Open Mic Recap (August 13)**
Mr. Robinson reported the event was successful with about 20 people in attendance. It started a little slow, but picked up steam. Even after the event was over, people stayed and mingled. Jen Harris was an excellent emcee.
- **September Plans**
Since Ms. Harris is not available to emcee in September, the KC Art Angels will arrange for someone to fill that role. The LAC acknowledges it would be appropriate to pay the emcee for his/her services each month, but currently there is no extra money in the budget to do that. The group decided it would be appropriate to set up a tip jar and encourage patrons to contribute. Money raised at each event would go to the emcee. Mr. Robinson said he has contacted the teachers at local high schools with whom the committee has been working to determine whether they continue to have an interest in attending or encouraging students to attend future events. The LAC also noted that they have developed a great partnership with KC Art Angels.

- Literary Arts \$250 Scholarship Application (November)
Mr. Dothage asked the committee to create criteria for the \$250 prize that will be offered to a graduating high school student in the area of literary arts as part of the 2017 scholarship program. The application process opens in November. Mr. Robinson indicated a meeting has been scheduled.

3. Public Art

- Art Consultant Update
Mr. Wagler, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, provided an update on the status of the Public Art Consultant negotiations with Public Art & Practice. He asked the LAC's input regarding two items:
 1. Public Art & Practice has proposed that \$80,000 of the \$400,000 budgeted amount would apply as the firm's fee. Mr. Wagler asked the LAC for feedback about whether that is an appropriate percentage. The LAC agreed that \$80,000 (20% of the \$400,000 budget) is appropriate for the consultant's fee.
 2. The Civic Center is expected to open in less than a year from now. Because of the limited amount of time left to complete the master plan and acquire/install art, the city is looking at two different options for how to engage with the consultant: (1) Split process in which they complete the master plan first, and then acquire/install art, or (2) Parallel process where the consultant works with the city to create the master plan while at the same time purchasing some of the art. Mr. Wagler asked for input from the LAC about which process they recommend. The LAC indicated the first option (split – complete the master plan first and then acquire/install art) would be preferable.

Ms. Tuckness reiterated her concern about the LAC being included in choosing art and selecting sites for art at City Center.

- Other Public Art Discussion
Mr. Dothage shared there has been some discussion that *Team Illusion* (bicycles art), which has been in storage since being repaired, may be placed along the trail south of City Center.

Ms. Ward brought in her copy of "Johnson County Lifestyle Magazine" August issue, which includes a nice photo and article about Chris Duh and *Amusing Breeze*. Mr. Wagler said artist Chris Duh and staff are still working on a couple of maintenance issues regarding the grout on the mosaic glass ball and rust.

4. Art Trolley Recap (July 28)

Ms. Wampler reported the tour was fun and the trolley was full. The Chamber and LAC are talking about plans for next year. Ms. Wampler will speak with the Chamber about looking into hiring a different trolley company because of issues with the air conditioning. She would also like to consider offering two trolleys if there is enough demand.

5. Theatre Hike (October 1 & 2)

Ms. Neely is working on the agreement for Theatre Hike. The two shows will take place on October 1 and 2 at Black Hoof Park. The group will gather at the Stone Wall Shelter at 2 p.m. each day. The play is "Driving Miss Daisy".

6. Gallery Shows

- Latino Art Bravisimo Show (Ends August 15)

Ms. Ward thanked everyone for their help with the Latino show. She was pleased with the event.

- Lenexa Artists' Show (August 23 – September 28)

Ms. Neely stated there are 29 artists showing their work this year. The reception will be held on Thursday, September 15. Mr. Dothage, Ms. Ward and Ms. Plaster volunteered to work at the reception. Ms. Ward will coordinate getting the wine and Ms. Neely will take care of the food. Ms. Tuckness and Ms. Neely will meet the judges on August 25.

The LAC discussed about possibly holding the Lenexa Artists' Show in 2017 as the first show in the new City Hall Art Gallery at the Civic Center. They also mentioned having some type of signage or information at the new gallery to promote upcoming shows.

- Remainder of 2016 Shows

Ms. Neely said the gallery shows are booked through February 2017.

7. Council Chambers Art

- Artists for 2016/17

Ms. Ward said she is looking for artists to exhibit their pieces in the Council Chambers. Mr. Dothage indicated he has a potential artist in mind. He will follow up with the committee.

SEPTEMBER MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Dothage asked the LAC to send any agenda items to him. He will compile the September agenda and send out. Mr. Robinson reminded Mr. Dothage to include Fundraising under Committee Reports from now on.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The LAC social will be held on Sunday, September 18 at 6 p.m., at Ms. Ward's house. Mr. Dothage will provide the wine and LAC members are invited to bring hors d'oeuvres. Ms. Ward will send out invitations.

Mr. Dothage thanked Ms. Kimmi for the invitation to the FRINGE! Festival.

Mr. Dothage shared that he and Ms. Behrmann are on the Citizens Coalition for the Arts committee for the Johnson County Arts Council. They met last week to compile a survey for the county commission candidates asking how art impacts their vision.

Ms. Neely updated the LAC on HeART of Lenexa (Emma Neely's Gold Award). Emma had her final meeting with her Girl Scout Advisor regarding her Gold Award project. Her project has been approved. Her report was one of the most thorough reports her advisor had ever seen. Mr. Dothage and Ms. Tuckness indicated they would like to be notified of the date of the Girl Scout Award Ceremony if Emma plans to attend. The LAC suggested featuring this project in an upcoming issue of the art e-newsletter

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary