

## MINUTES AND AGENDAS

### **MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 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 and Claire Ward.

Arts Council members absent: Kay Plaster and Jennifer Wampler.

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 August 16, 2016 minutes was made by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Behrmann, and approved 6-0.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Owens/Cox Dance Company Possible Partnership with LAC  
Mr. Dothage stated this item would be rescheduled for a later date.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Committee Reports
  1. Music
    - Orchestra Conductor Job Description  
Mr. Robinson had shared a draft of the job description with the LAC members for feedback prior to tonight's meeting. Ms. Neely said she met with Mr. Ristow to get direction regarding whether the conductor should be hired as a contractor or as an employee of the city. Mr. Ristow asked that she research this and prepare pros/cons to help with the decision. Ms. Behrmann provided input she received from Julie Bilyea at Overland Park regarding the Civic Band and Community Orchestra. Overland Park contracts with its conductor. Ms. Neely has contacted the city HR recruiting manager to schedule a meeting. Mr. Dothage was pleased with the job

description and hopes to have the new conductor in place by the end of the year.

- Starhaven Rounders Concert Date  
Mr. Dothage said the concert will be held on Sunday, October 9 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lions Shelter House. Mr. Dothage, Ms. Kimmi and Ms. Tuckness will attend on behalf of the Arts Council. Ms. Neely will work with parks staff to have picnic tables moved out, power box in place and LAC banner placed at the park entrance.

## 2. Literary Arts Update

- Open Mic Recap (September 10)  
Mr. Robinson reported attendance was lower and he believes more publicity is needed. He will reach out to teachers again to remind them of the next event. Ms. Behrmann volunteered to pass out the information to the English teachers at Johnson County Community College. Mr. Robinson also reported there isn't much repeat business from event to event and wonders why. Ms. Tuckness suggested that a card or bookmark containing information about the upcoming open mic poetry reading events, along with a note saying participation is not required but welcome. Ms. Neely will create a business card or bookmark with information about upcoming open mic nights. Ms. Neely said she has spoken to the City Legal Department regarding the concern about some content being for mature audiences. They are reviewing it and also considering whether an agreement is needed with KC Art Angels.
- October Plans  
Mr. Robinson will arrange a meeting with emcee Jen Harris to discuss ideas about how to boost attendance and encourage people to come back to future events. He also plans to follow up with teachers to remind them of the October 8 event. The group discussed whether they should hold an open mic night in December. They will talk with KC Art Angels to see if they want to hold the December event.
- Literary Arts \$250 Scholarship Application (November)  
Mr. Robinson researched criteria for this award and recommends that the main criteria be a limit on the number of words allowed for each entry. Mr. Dothage asked whether the group believes the other criteria used for the performing arts and visual arts scholarships (such as letters of recommendation and official transcript) be included as well. The LAC agreed the criteria concerning those items should be consistent. As soon as Mr. Robinson provides Ms. Neely the different types of writing styles that are accepted for consideration, along with the word limits she

will prepare the application. The applications should be ready by November 1 so they can be put on the web.

- **Art Consultant Update**  
Mr. Wagler reported the first meeting of the Civic Center Public Art Committee and the consultant has been set for Tuesday, September 27 at 7 p.m. At this first meeting, the entire LAC has been invited to join the group to provide input. The LAC will not attend all meetings or be involved in all details throughout the process, but they will be involved at various key points down the line.
- **Other Public Art Discussion**  
Ms. Tuckness reported she will be meeting with Mr. Ristow to discuss remaining funds for public art in other locations of the city. In addition, the group talked about relocation ideas for the Team Illusion (bicycles) art. Ms. Tuckness mentioned a possible spot being along 95<sup>th</sup> Street between Lackman and Santa Fe Trail Drive. Mr. Wagler stated that area will be under construction soon as the trail will be reconstructed, which could be good timing. He did mention that the LAC may want to find a location where people will not be as easily able to touch and damage the art.

#### 4. Scholarships

Mr. Dothage is updating the contacts list for school counselors and is including English teachers. Ms. Neely will update the scholarship applications with this year's information and post on the web by November 1. Mr. Dothage will send out the applications to his connections at the schools.

#### 5. Theatre Hike (October 1 & 2)

Ms. Neely confirmed everything is ready to go. The performances will be held on October 1 and 2, beginning at 2 p.m., at Black Hoof Park. The group will meet at the Stone Wall Shelter. Promotions for the performances are underway. If parking runs out at the Stone Wall Shelter, attendees can park at the Oak Shelter and walk down. The LAC discussed hosting one of the days of Theatre Hike in 2017 at the new Civic Center and using Central Green Park.

#### 6. Fundraising

This item is on hold until after the City Council has adopted the new sponsorship policy, which is on the October 4 City Council meeting agenda.

## 7. Gallery Shows

- Lenexa Artists' Show (August 23 – September 28)  
Awards and Reception Recap (September 15)  
The LAC agreed the show is excellent. Attendance at the reception was great. Ms. Tuckness suggested that in the future, the LAC allow each judge to give out a separate award, or the LAC could give out a special award.
- Annie Glotzbach (2D) and Nancy Overmyer (3D)  
(September 27 – October 24)  
Both of these artists are confirmed.
- Studio 7 Quilts (October 25 – November 30)  
Reception (November 3)  
The reception is scheduled for Thursday, November 3 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- Digital Dimensions Photography Exhibit and Sara Sally LaGrand (3D) (December 1, 2016 – January 30, 2017)  
Digital Dimensions reception will be held on Friday evening, December 2. The time will be determined later.

## 8. Council Chambers Art

Ms. Tuckness said artist Mary Deardorff from the Lenexa Artists' Show had enough large pieces to fill the chamber. Her art will be on display there until the end of November.

## **OCTOBER MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

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

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Dothage shared that the Johnson County Arts Council will be sending a couple representatives to the October LAC meeting. They would like to see what the LAC is currently involved with and see about some partnerships.

Mr. Robinson said that the Owens/Cox Dance Company might benefit from them attending also. He will invite them to the October meeting.

The LAC is waiting to hear if their nomination of the Mayor and City Council for the Arts KC Advocate Award is selected. The awards luncheon is in February.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and approved 6-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary