

## MINUTES AND AGENDAS

### **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 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 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson Wayne Dothage.

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

Staff member present: Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor.

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

None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the September 20, 2016 minutes was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Ms. Plaster, and approved 5-0.**

Ms. Tuckness and Ms. Ward arrived at 7:05 p.m. to the meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Owen/Cox Dance Company Possible Partnership with LAC  
Mr. Robinson introduced Rebka Sakati from the Owen/Cox Dance Company. Ms. Sakati presented about the Take the Stage program. Take the Stage's mission is to provide dance instruction to school children and the program is looking for opportunities to connect with additional schools. Take the Stage is currently providing dance instruction as part of the class curriculum at seven schools in the Kansas City area. The cost of the program is \$5,400 per class per year. The students do not pay for the classes; the money comes from grants and other sources. Ms. Sakati said she would appreciate any assistance the LAC could offer in making introductions to Lenexa elementary schools or showcasing the program to gain awareness in Lenexa. The LAC suggested the group could do demo performances at some Lenexa festivals and events. Ms. Neely said they would need to explore possibilities with the Parks and Recreation Department since the city offers its own dance program and they participate in many of the festivals. She also suggested that Take the Stage may want to consider looking at the Kansas Board of Education curriculum standards and see how their program aligns with the standards before reaching out to Kansas schools. Mr. Dothage offered to pass along contact information for Rising Star Elementary. Ms. Neely will

pass along the idea to Parks and Recreation about possible opportunities to work with Take the Stage at an event.

B. Johnson County Arts Council

Mr. Dothage stated they will invite the Johnson County Arts Council to a future meeting since they were unable to attend tonight.

## OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. Music

- Outdoor Concert Series

The LAC agreed the Starhaven Rounders make-up concert held on October 9 was a big success. Mr. Dothage said the band was fantastic and approximately 100 people attended. The LAC talked briefly about plans for the 2017 concert series. The group agreed to ask the following bands to perform next year: Starhaven Rounders, Abbey Road and New Red Onion Jazz Babies. Ms. Tuckness suggested considering Alferd Packer Band (Bluegrass). Ms. Neely asked the LAC to send her any other suggestions for the 2017 schedule.

- Orchestra Update

Ms. Neely reported the RFQ has been drafted. Once the RFQ has been approved, the LAC will send it to the prospective candidates as well as music organizations and other places where candidates can be reached. The music committee will review candidates and narrow the pool to a short list for further consideration. Once a candidate is selected, Legal will develop the agreement. The group also discussed a name for the orchestra. Several members agreed they liked "Lenexa Community Orchestra." Ms. Neely will send the draft RFQ to the group.

2. Literary Arts Update

- Open Mic Recap (October 8)

Mr. Robinson shared the October 8 event was well attended (approximately 35-40 people). Jen Harris was great in her role as emcee. Several students attended as well as older people.

- November and Future Plans

Mr. Robinson proposed no changes be made for the November event. He will contact KC Art Angels to find out whether they wish to host a poetry event in December. Ms. Neely will continue to work with Legal on the agreement with KC Art Angels. The agreement could also provide guidance with respect to a possible

disclaimer regarding some content not being family friendly. In the meantime, a disclaimer has been added to the web.

- Literary Scholarship Update (Word Length and Accepted Types of Literary Works)

Mr. Dothage said research shows a 500 word maximum is a good standard for scholarship submissions. The LAC will accept a variety of styles of writing such as essays, poetry, non-fiction, etc. The new application for the literary scholarship (\$250) has been created and posted on the web.

### 3. Public Art

- Public Art Committee Update

Mr. Dothage said he spoke to Mr. Ristow who indicated most of the LAC and Public Art Committee sent in their ranked selections of the visualizations they were presented.

- Other Public Art Discussion

Mr. Dothage shared artist Chris Duh has worked on repairs to *Amusing Breeze* to correct a few issues, including applying a heavier sealant on the mosaic glass ball, changing the ball bearings so that the kinetic pieces move more freely and adding a sealant to the pedestal. The Parks Landscape Division plans to add more landscaping around the piece also.

Ms. Neely reported Parks staff did cleaning/maintenance work on *The Jogger* art piece that is located in front of the Community Center.

Ms. Kimmi and Ms. Wampler arrived at 8:14 p.m. to the meeting.

Ms. Tuckness reported there is \$15,332.90 available in Zone 1 for public art and \$15,210.97 in Zone 3. Zone 2 money is applied toward the Civic Center project. Ms. Wampler asked how much money the city receives each year for public art in the different zones and could the fee for a new piece of art be paid over the course of two years. Ms. Tuckness said that is probably a legal issue. She suggested LAC members think about locations for public art in Zones 1 and 3 as well as potential artists.

### 4. Scholarships

Ms. Neely reported the applications for visual and performing arts scholarships have been updated and posted on the web. The schedule for the 2017 scholarship applications has been changed to run about 2 weeks earlier than in the past per the Mayor's request to recognize the winners at the first council meeting in April rather than the second.

Mr. Dothage will send the applications to his contacts at the schools in November.

#### 5. Theatre Hikes Recap and 2017 Dates

Mr. Dothage commented the performances on October 1 and 2 were outstanding. Attendance was lower than expected, but those who came enjoyed the event. Attendance was 17 on Saturday and 36 on Sunday. The LAC decided to bring Theatre Hikes back for two days in 2017 (the first weekend of October). They also discussed holding one hike at City Center and the other at Black Hoof Park. Theatre Hikes is working on a comedy about the history of America in a similar format to the Shakespeare performance in 2015.

#### 6. Fundraising

- City's Sponsorship Policy Revision Update

Ms. Neely reported the changes to the policy will not affect the LAC's sponsorship plans. Mr. Dothage suggested the committee arrange a meeting with Lindsay Hart, Recreation Superintendent, to coordinate their approach to fundraising. The group discussed seeking a Catalyst grant from Arts KC. One possible use would be to support the orchestra. Ms. Wampler suggested they wait until they have a track record with the orchestra before asking for funds. Ms. Kimmi also brought up that Henderson Engineering has grant money for arts available. Possible uses from a grant from Henderson might be purchasing music stands and a rack. The LAC needs to submit their request for that grant by the end of October. Mr. Dothage will draft a letter requesting the Henderson grant and work with Ms. Neely to finalize.

#### 7. Gallery Shows

- Annie Glotzbach (2D) and Nancy Overmyer (3D)  
(September 27 – October 24)  
The LAC agreed the show is very nice.

- Studio 7 Quilts (October 25 – November 30)  
Reception (November 3)

Ms. Neely said the group has changed their name to 13<sup>th</sup> Street Studio. The change has to do with the location where their meetings are held. Their reception is scheduled for Thursday, November 3 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Ms. Behrmann, Mr. Dothage and Ms. Ward will be able to attend.

- Digital Dimensions Photography Exhibit and Sara Sally LaGrand (3D) (December 1, 2016 – January 30, 2017)  
Reception (December 2)

Ms. Neely will confirm the reception date with Cathy Moffitt from Digital Dimensions.

- 2017 Schedule

Ms. Neely reported that she, Ms. Tuckness and Ms. Ward met a few weeks ago to plan for 2017 gallery shows. She will follow up with artists to coordinate. The first show in February has been determined. The HeART of Lenexa will share the gallery space with a new quilt group that only has February available. Ms. Wampler suggested the Commander General of the Army has 3D art the LAC may be able to display.

8. Council Chambers Art

Ms. Ward said they need art for the Council Chambers beginning in February.

## **NOVEMBER MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Dothage asked the LAC to send any agenda items to him. He will compile the November agenda and send out. He asked them to be thinking about where they would like to have their holiday dinner following the December meeting.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Ms. Wampler reported the Public Art Committee discussed possible sites for public art. They plan on ranking the sites by priority. LAC members are asked to send their thoughts to Ms. Wampler or Ms. Kimmi.

Mr. Robinson inquired whether decisions had been made as to the hanging system, lights and 3D cases in the gallery at the new City Hall. Ms. Neely reported those decisions have not yet been finalized. Consideration will have to be given to security since the building will be open to the public after City Hall business hours. She asked the LAC to send their suggestions on good potential hanging systems to her.

Everyone welcomed newest member Dale Trott to the LAC. He will assist with the music committee.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Ward, seconded by Ms. Plaster, and approved 9-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary