

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2016 ARTS COUNCIL MEETING LENEXA CITY HALL, 12350 W. 87TH ST. PKWY, LENEXA, KS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairperson Wayne Dothage.

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

Arts Council member absent: Judy Tuckness.

Staff member present: Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the October 18, 2016 minutes was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Ms. Ward arrived at 6:37 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. Music

- Orchestra Update

Mr. Dothage said the music committee met earlier this evening. Ms. Wampler reported the committee reviewed the responses to the Orchestra Conductor RFQ. Four responses were received for the conductor position. The committee decided to interview three of the candidates. The LAC plans to ask music directors Curtis Mulvenon (SM West) and Jeffrey Bishop (SMNW) to sit in on the interviews. Mr. Mulvenon also offered to have his school orchestra at SM West play for a conductor candidate as a test. Interviews should be concluded by the end of January.

- Outdoor Concert Series
The music committee is planning to offer five concerts on Sunday evenings in May and June and another two concerts in September to coincide with the grand opening festivities for the Civic Center.

2. Literary Arts Update

- Open Mic Plans for January
Mr. Robinson reported the January event will take place at KC Art Angels. Jen Harris will emcee. The group discussed finding a new location for future readings. The following suggestions were made: Plexpod, Thompson Barn, Nazareth Sweets on 87th Street Parkway and Legler Barn. Mr. Robinson will check with Plexpod and Nazareth Sweets. Ms. Neely said she will check on the Thompson Barn, but most Saturday evenings are booked. Ms. Kimmi suggested having a disclaimer in writing at the event site to alert people to the fact that content may not be family friendly.

3. Public Art

- Public Art Committee Update – Civic Center
Ms. Wampler said the committee has prioritized sites. Mr. Ristow has asked for any recommendations of artists to be sent to him. The next steps will be to finalize the master plan and present it to the City Council soon. The final draft will be sent to the LAC prior to the presentation to the City Council.

4. Scholarships

Mr. Dothage reported the information has been sent to all the schools. A few inquiries have been made. The deadline is February 15.

5. Fundraising

- Fundraising Meeting Update
Mr. Dothage stated since the City is not a 501c3 it makes it difficult for the LAC to receive grants from companies. Ms. Kimmi's group (KC Creates) has 501c3 status, and the group has offered to serve as the Fiscal Agent for the LAC for the purpose of receiving a grant from Henderson Engineering. Ms. Neely said that Mr. Ristow has passed this request to Legal for approval. The deadline for the Henderson grant is December 31. Mr. Dothage said the mayor has suggested the LAC prepare a list of the types of sponsorships and the benefits a sponsor would receive from the sponsorship.

Motion to request that city staff pursue and explore the possibility of establishing a 501c3 was made by Ms. Wampler, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and approved 8-0.

6. Gallery Shows

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

The photography from Digital Dimensions and the 3D art from Sara Sally LaGrand will be on display until January 30. Mr. Dothage said the reception held on December 2 was nice and well attended. Digital Dimensions would like to show again in December 2017 and are excited about being at City Center.

- 2017 Schedule

Ms. Neely confirmed the next show is HeART of Lenexa which will be installed on Monday, January 30. The show runs through February 27. The reception will be held on Thursday, February 9.

Ms. Neely said March and April are open. The committee has met and Ms. Neely has sent information out to several possible artists. Ms. Ward would like to invite the Command General Staff College to show their exhibit of gifts from international officers who have attended the school. Lenexa would be the first location for the visiting display. The LAC agreed this show could generate great press. Ms. Neely will contact them and try to schedule an exhibit in March or April.

The LAC discussed hanging mechanisms, display cases and lighting that are being considered for the art gallery space at the new City Hall.

Ms. Neely has been in contact with the Mexican Consulate and they would like to partner with the LAC in 2017 for another Latino Art Bravisimo. The show would be held in June and July. Currently she is trying to find out the date for Fiesta KC so a conflict can be avoided with the Latino Art reception.

7. Council Chambers Art

- Artists for 2017

Ms. Ward said currently there are no new artists lined up for 2017 yet. There could be some large pieces from the HeART of Lenexa and military exhibits that may come in and could be displayed in the Council Chambers.

JANUARY MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Dothage stated the ArtsKC Awards Luncheon is Thursday, February 23 from 11:30 am – 1 p.m. All LAC members would like to attend. Mr. Robinson, Ms. Kimmi, Ms. Behrmann and Mr. Trott already have a seat at the event with other organizations. Ms. Kimmi has not filled her table for Fringe and offered seats to the remaining LAC members if they cannot get a seat at the city's table. Ms. Neely said there is some money remaining in this year's LAC budget which they could use to purchase seats if needed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary