

## MINUTES AND AGENDAS

### **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2018 ARTS COUNCIL MEETING LENEXA CITY HALL, SANTA FE CONFERENCE ROOM, 17101 W. 87<sup>TH</sup> STREET PARKWAY, LENEXA, KS**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Wayne Dothage.

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

Staff members present: Gary Ristow, Parks and Recreation Director, and Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor.

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

None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the February 20, 2018 minutes was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Mr. Trott, and approved 8-0.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Chair and Vice Chairperson Elections

Mr. Dothage nominated Mr. Robinson as Chair, and he accepted. There were no other nominations or discussion.

**Motion to approve Mr. Robinson as Chair was made by Ms. Tuckness, seconded by Ms. Ward, and approved 8-0.**

The LAC discussed who might like to serve as Vice Chairperson. Mr. Dothage inquired if Ms. Behrmann might be interested. She said she would be willing to serve.

**Motion to approve Ms. Behrmann as Vice Chairperson was made by Ms. Tuckness, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and approved 8-0.**

Mr. Dothage expressed his appreciation and honor to serve as the chair the past four years. Several of the LAC members thanked him for his work and dedication to the City.

Ms. Wampler arrived at 7:10 p.m.

## OLD BUSINESS

### A. Committee Reports

#### 1. Music

##### a. Outdoor Concert Series Update

Ms. Neely reported the schedule is set and is listed on the web. The agreements with the bands have been signed. Marketing is in progress. The group discussed options for holding the concerts at the new large pavilion or the new Lion's shelter. The LAC agreed their first choice would be to host the concerts in the large pavilion, if possible.

##### b. Community Orchestra

###### o Recruitment & Marketing

The agreement with conductor Richard Ryan has been executed. Recruiting is going well. Ms. Neely said 46 musicians have volunteered so far. Marketing is in progress. The City's Communications Department wants to meet to discuss social media options.

###### o Meet and Greet Reception Date

The Meet and Greet reception will be held May 31 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

#### 2. Literary Arts

##### a. March Open Mic and Poetry Slam Recap

Mr. Robinson reported attendance was very low for the March event.

##### b. Plans for April and Beyond

The Literary committee met prior to the LAC meeting to discuss next steps and plans to meet with emcee Ms. Hall to address concerns prior to the April 14 event.

Mr. Robinson also reported he met with Joseph Keehn of the Johnson County Library. He brought up the idea of a writers' fair. The Library is not interested in partnering in a new event since they already host a large event like that. The Library is interested in partnering with the city on gallery curation and joint scholarship applications. The LAC subcommittees will further explore these opportunities.

#### 3. Public Art

##### a. Public Art Guidelines

Ms. Neely reported she has prepared a set of guidelines that will help the LAC Public Art committee with the procedures for recommending new public art or relocating existing public art. She and Mr. Ristow plan to meet with the Legal Department later this week to talk about overall LAC Rules of Procedure to govern conduct of public meetings (required by city code, must be approved by City Council). Before the guidelines are

finalized, they will work with Legal on the Rules of Procedure so that these two items are consistent. Ms. Ward indicated she wants to schedule a meeting to discuss the guidelines.

b. Public Art Priority List

The LAC Public Art committee shared its recommendation for the top three priority locations for future public art at the August 2017 meeting. The following sites were recommended: Former City Hall, which is being reconsidered as the new public safety complex (zone 1); Black Hoof Park (zone 2); and Mize Lake (zone 3).

**Motion to accept this recommendation was made by Ms. Wampler, seconded by Ms. Ward, and approved 9-0.**

c. Civic Campus Public Art Committee

The group discussed the role of the PAC (Civic Campus) in the future. Ms. Neely said she received clarification from Mr. Ristow. He confirmed the PAC's role will end once the Joe O'Connell and Shan Shan Sheng pieces have been installed. In the future, the PAC will be re-engaged for any public art recommendations for the Civic Campus that are \$50,000 or more. When that occurs, the PAC will include representatives from various stakeholders such as LAC, Park Board, City staff, City Council, business community, project architect (it may not necessarily be the same people, but representations from the various groups will be included). Public art recommendations below \$50,000 can be recommended by the LAC.

d. Public Art Updates

○ "Bison" & "Kuros" Relocations

Ms. Neely met with Jeff Carlson from Parks to discuss options for refurbishing or replacing the pedestals and restoring or cleaning the art. She suggested placing them in the reception space just at the top of the stairs, next to the Santa Fe Conference Room, at City Hall. This area has good public viewing access with Park University and City offices. Mr. Carlson is having the two pieces moved temporarily from the old City Hall to the Parks and Recreation Service Center for safekeeping and easier access as a decision is made concerning restoration.

○ "Team Illusion" Relocation

P & R Staff should have their recommendation for the relocation of "Team Illusion" soon.

○ Civic Campus Art Pieces

The agreement for Shan Shan Sheng's piece, "Splash," was approved at the March 6 City Council meeting. The City anticipates this piece will be installed by the end of the year. Joe O'Connell's "Body Politic," is anticipated to be installed by later summer.

4. Sponsorships
  - a. 501c3 Status Update

Mr. Dothage stated the City is still waiting for approval of the 501c3 status. Currently if someone makes a donation to the Foundation, they are directed to send the check to the Foundation and note the appropriate category for applying the donation.
  - b. Sponsorships Meeting

Mr. Dothage will schedule a Sponsorship committee meeting.
5. Scholarships
  - a. Approval of Selected Winners

Thirteen applications were received this year. Judging for the three art scholarship categories has been completed. Judges' recommendations for the 2018 scholarship awards are as follows:

    - Visual: Lillian Oliver, SMNW - \$1,000; Natalie Pool, Olathe NW - \$500
    - Performing: Caroline Schmidt, SMW - \$1,000; Devin Keeney, SMNW - \$500
    - Literary: Mallory MacDonald, Olathe NW - \$500

**Motion to accept the judges' recommendations for the 2018 scholarship winners was made by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Tuckness, and approved 9-0.**

The scholarship winners will be presented at the April 3 City Council meeting at 7 p.m.

6. Gallery Shows
  - a. Fractured Fabric Society Quilt Display (February 27 – March 26)

Mr. Dothage suggested everyone check out the quilts on display in the Gallery. There is a great variety.
  - b. Catherine Kirkland (March 27 – April 30), Reception (April 12)

Catherine Kirkland 2D paintings are on display in April. Her reception is April 12. Ms. Tuckness is talking with a possible 3D artist.
  - c. First Responders of Johnson County (May 1 – June 4), Reception (May 3)

The First Responders Show, both 2D and 3D, will be held in May. The reception is scheduled May 3.

## **APRIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Dothage asked that April meeting agenda items be sent to Mr. Robinson. He will compile the agenda and send out.

Mr. Ristow arrived at 8:25 p.m.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Dothage shared that Lenexa is hosting the Johnson County Arts Council meeting on April 16 in the Prairie Star Conference Room at the Public Market. Attendees will furnish their own lunches.

The LAC discussed a unified scholarship program for Johnson County. Several cities may possibly participate. Mr. Dothage plans to research the idea further.

Mr. Dothage invited the LAC members to sign up to help at the Lenexa Art Fair on May 12. Please use the City volunteer program website.

Ms. Neely handed out a LAC Financial Report. She plans on sharing these quarterly.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary