

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2018 ARTS COUNCIL MEETING LENEXA CITY HALL, SANTA FE CONFERENCE ROOM, 17101 W. 87TH STREET PARKWAY, LENEXA, KS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Rob Robinson.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Jess Collins, Wayne Dothage, Cheryl Kimmi, Dale Trott, Judy Tuckness, 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 March 20, 2018 minutes was made by Ms. Tuckness, seconded by Mr. Dothage, and approved 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review Committee Assignments

Mr. Robinson handed out the 2018 committee listing. The group discussed committee assignments and whether additional members are needed for any committees. If anyone wishes to be added to a committee, please contact Mr. Robinson.

B. Event Schedule/volunteers

Mr. Robinson proposed handing out the LAC event schedule each month so members could sign up to volunteer at events for the coming month. The group likes the idea and would like to try this approach. Following each meeting, Ms. Neely, will send out the master list so all LAC members know who is scheduled to assist with various events.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

1. Music

a. Spring Concerts Update

The schedule has been finalized. Mr. Dothage reported the music committee members met at the park to look at the new pavilion and Lions

shelter to determine which location works best for the concerts. The group decided to host concerts at the Lions shelter. Ms. Neely handed out concert T-shirts and said the event banner has been given to the Parks staff to post about a week before the first concert.

- b. Community Orchestra Update

Mr. Robinson reported recruitment is still underway. More strings, plus percussion, bassoon and a tuba player are needed. The orchestra committee, along with conductor Richard Ryan, met with Communications to talk about promotion strategies. Shawnee Mission West has agreed to make equipment and large instruments available to the City again. Goodwill will also provide the transportation this year. The Meet and Greet event will be held on May 31 at 7 p.m. in the City Hall lobby.
2. Literary Arts
 - a. Review Meeting with Sheri Hall

Mr. Robinson stated he met with Ms. Hall, emcee of the March poetry slam, to discuss some concerns. He said the LAC needs to find a way to reach the appropriate audience for this event.
3. Public Art

Ms. Neely reported the guidelines for proposing new public art have been drafted and will be incorporated with the LAC meeting protocol and procedures that Legal will prepare later this year. Ms. Ward said she would like to meet with Mr. Ristow and Ms. Neely at the end of April to discuss the public art committee and guidelines for proposing new public art. The committee would also like to schedule a meeting with Mr. Ristow and parks staff in May to talk about the public art priorities list and next steps.

Ms. Neely gave updates on Joe O'Connell and Shan Shan Sheng's art pieces. She also said "Team Illusion" relocation is under review. "Bison" and "Kuros" have been moved to the Parks and Recreation Service Center for safe keeping until the LAC decides the next steps for the art. One location that has been discussed in the past was the lobby seating area outside the Santa Fe Conference Room on the second floor of City Hall. Ms. Tuckness also suggested the art could be located at the Rec Center lobby. The LAC will research the feasibility of locating the art at the Rec Center if they decide to pursue that idea.
4. Sponsorships
 - a. 501c3 Status Update

Mr. Dothage stated the 501c3 status is still pending. It often takes 6 months or more for the IRS to approve.
 - b. Sponsorships Meeting

Mr. Dothage said the sponsorship committee met this evening before the

LAC meeting. A few local businesses are interested in supporting the LAC or community orchestra but will need to wait until the City is a 501c3 entity. The committee started a list of businesses to reach out to – both for marketing sponsorships now, and for charitable contributions once the 501c3 is approved. The LAC discussed several fundraising options. Ms. Neely said she will follow up on the questions about fundraising.

5. Scholarships Wrap Up

Mr. Dothage gave a follow-up report regarding the scholarship program for 2018. This year there were two video production/editing entries in the visual category. The judge felt it was difficult to compare video with other visual arts. The LAC decided to not accept videos next year. Perhaps in the future, if the LAC can get sponsors to contribute funding, a category for video production will be added. Mr. Dothage said they need to find additional ways to get the word out to students about the scholarship opportunity.

6. Gallery Shows

a. Catherine Kirkland (March 27 – April 30), Reception (April 12)

Ms. Tuckness said the current show has received a lot of attention and they've been hearing positive feedback about artist Catherine Kirkland's 2D art. The reception on April 12 was well attended. Ms. Kirkland will keep several of her large pieces on display in the main part of the lobby through May since the First Responders show will not generate as much art as originally expected.

b. First Responders of Johnson County (May 1– June 4), Reception (May 3)
The First Responders show will be installed on April 30. The reception is May 3 from 6-7:30 p.m.

c. Ann Ewing Jones (June 5 – July 16), Reception (June 21)

Artist Ann Ewing Jones' art will be installed on June 4 at 6 p.m. Ms. Tuckness will need some additional LAC members to volunteer to help with this installation, since Ms. Neely will not be available.

Ms. Neely reported the shelves for the storage closet are expected to arrive next Friday, April 27 and the additional gallery lighting has been ordered and should arrive in a week or two.

Ms. Neely handed out the new black/dark gray T-shirts that were made from a piece of art created by Sarah LeBarge, an artist in the HeART of Lenexa show. Parks and Recreation staff will be wearing them at the Lenexa Art Fair this year.

MAY MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Robinson said to send any May meeting agenda items to him. He will compile the agenda and send out.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Dothage reported on the Johnson County Arts Council meeting that was held on April 16. Corey Ziegler, VP and Corporate Counsel of the Greater KC Community Foundation, spoke about the new tax reform and how it is likely to affect charitable donations. Once the City receives its 501c3 status, Donor-Advised Funds may be an option for the LAC.

Ms. Neely asked the LAC to save plastic water bottles, tin cans, yogurt cups, milk and orange juice plastic containers, egg cartons, paper towel/toilet paper tubes, colored string, colored duct tape, feathers, etc. All these items will be used in the kid's art/craft tent at the Lenexa Art Fair.

Ms. Neely handed out the updated Lenexa Arts Council Attendance Report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary