

## MINUTES AND AGENDAS

### **MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2018 LENEXA 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 Rob Robinson.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Jess Collins, Wayne Dothage, Cheryl Kimmi, 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 May 15, 2018 minutes was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Mr. Trott, and approved 8-0.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Resource Utilization Discussion

Mr. Robinson mentioned he would like to get a general sense of how much staff time is involved with the various LAC programs. Ms. Neely is working on a very rough estimate of time involved. After this information is gathered, this will be discussed at a future LAC meeting.

B. Calendar Review

Mr. Robinson passed out an updated LAC event calendar.

C. Volunteer Program Update

Mr. Collins reported he has been thinking about this and doing some basic research. He asked what had been done in the past. Ms. Neely shared information about the City volunteer application program on the City website. Currently there is a position listed for a general art volunteer. There is also a position listed for orchestra volunteers (musicians, setup/tear-down, and librarian). The group discussed ways to enhance the program that will meet their program needs.

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

## OLD BUSINESS

### A. Committee Reports

#### 1. Music

##### a. Outdoor Concerts

Abbey Road played on June 3 with an estimated crowd of 600+ people. Trio Aztlan on June 10 had an estimated attendance of 150. LAC said they received feedback from the community that they like the diverse styles of music offered in the series. The next concert is September 16.

##### b. Community Orchestra

The group discussed the set-up and tear-down plans and needs for the first concert on June 30. A suggestion was made for the Public Market vendors to offer a coupon with a discount to concert attendees the evening of the concert. Suggested ideas for the end of season thank you reception were discussed.

The music subcommittee has begun discussing ideas for the winter performing art series (no official title has been set yet). Plans are to schedule one performance in each of the following months: October, November, January and February.

#### 2. Literary Arts

Mr. Robinson is scheduling a meeting with prior emcee, Jen Harris, and the literary committee members to talk about plans for reorganizing the poetry slam events and starting back up in September.

#### 3. Public Art

Ms. Ward said the subcommittee met prior to the general monthly meeting to look at several existing pieces of art that are in storage and came up with proposals for what to do with them. Ms. Neely and Ms. Ward will meet soon to create an action plan to present to the LAC at a future meeting. The group also talked about the idea of coming up with guidelines for disposing of public art and display cases. The committee would like to schedule a tour prior to the July monthly LAC meeting to look at priority locations. Ms. Ward will send Mr. Ristow and Ms. Neely a list of the priority sites the committee would like to visit on July 17.

#### 4. Sponsorships

Mr. Ristow reported the City is still waiting for IRS approval of the 501c3 status.

#### 5. Marketing

Mr. Robinson would like a follow-up meeting with Communications. Mr. Ristow will discuss the request with Communications.

6. Gallery Shows
  - a. Ann Ewing Jones (June 5 – July 16), Reception (June 21)  
Ms. Jones' paintings are on display currently. Her reception is scheduled for Thursday, June 21 at 6 p.m.
  - b. Steve Young, 2D Photography (July 17 – August 13)  
Art will be installed on July 16 at 4 p.m. Currently there is no reception scheduled.
  - c. Alzheimer's Exhibit (Memories in the Making) – Second Floor Gallery Space  
In the upstairs gallery, Memories in the Making, is on display until July 6.
  - d. Bill Coulter (Wildlife Moments and Outdoor Scenes) – Second Floor Gallery Space  
Mr. Coulter's art will be installed on July 6.
  - e. Lenexa Artists' Show, 2D and 3D (August 14 – October 1)  
Art for the Lenexa Artists' Show will be installed on August 13. The reception is scheduled for August 23 from 6-7:30 p.m.

## **JULY MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Robinson would like any July meeting agenda items sent to him. He will compile the agenda and send out. Ms. Wampler asked to have the Art Trolley Tour added to the agenda. Ms. Neely said it should be added under Committee Reports, Performing Arts.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

### **A. Music Programming**

At Mr. Robinson's request, Mr. Ristow shared historical perspective regarding how decisions are made when determining events at which the LAC provides entertainment. Mr. Ristow said when the Spinach Festival started, the City wasn't offering many art-related programs yet. The Spinach Festival was a good opportunity to add music. Ms. Tuckness added the LAC tried to create stand-alone events to provide music, but they found it to be more successful when they paired with existing events. Mr. Ristow stated when the newer events were established the City included some funding for family entertainment such as music. The LAC also wanted to have a presence at certain events and made the decision to dedicate funds for music and/or other activities to support some of the City's events.

### **B. Art Trolley Tour**

Ms. Wampler reported the three location sites have been finalized: City Hall, Spring Hill Suites and Lakeview Village. The Trolley Tour takes place Thursday, September 13 beginning at 6 p.m. Registration is handled through the Lenexa Chamber.

C. Theatre Hikes

Ms. Neely said the Theatre Hikes organization in Chicago indicated they may not be able to bring a show to Lenexa this year because the show they are performing this year is too large to travel. The LAC discussed other options. Ms. Neely will follow-up with Theatre Hikes for a definitive answer.

D. Tracking Value of Programs

Mr. Robinson brought up the idea of meeting with the LAC members in a workshop-type setting to create a rubric that could combine information being gathered by the LAC. The purpose is to create a way of tracking value of LAC programming. It will be helpful when preparing the budget recommendation and annual report. The group liked the idea and agreed to participate in the workshop. Mr. Trott mentioned the LAC should be sure they are reading the pulse of the community when it comes to the art/programming they desire. Mr. Robinson will compile a draft that can be used as a guide.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary