

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE JULY 17, 2018 LENEXA 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 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Rob Robinson.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Jess Collins, Wayne Dothage, Dale Trott, Judy Tuckness, Jennifer Wampler and Claire Ward.

Arts Council member absent: Cheryl Kimmi.

Staff member present: Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the June 19, 2018 minutes was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Mr. Collins, and approved 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Lenexa Vision 2040

Mr. Dothage who is on the Vision 2040 steering committee provided an update of the meetings he has attended. He asked the LAC to fill out the form asking what 5 things they'd like to see from the arts & culture perspective in 2040. He invited everyone to Vision 2040 Fest on September 20 at the Civic Campus.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Lenexa Strategic Planning Session

Mr. Robinson shared a draft list of criteria he prepared to guide the LAC in evaluating programs. The group talked about whether a strategic plan would be useful in guiding the LAC in its endeavors. The group favors creating a strategic plan and engaging a consultant to guide the group. JoCo Arts is currently going through a strategic planning process. Mr. Dothage will contact Sarah from JoCo Arts for information. Mr. Robinson will meet with Mr. Ristow regarding the next step.

B. Calendar Review

Mr. Robinson went over the August calendar and passed around the sign-up sheet.

C. Volunteer Program Update

Ms. Neely said the city has a volunteer application on the city website and there is a general opportunity listed for volunteers who would like to assist with art-related activities. Mr. Collins offered to serve as the LAC contact who would reach out to new volunteers. The LAC shared their thoughts on reaching out to interested parties and the possibility of adding volunteers to subcommittees. Ms. Neely passed along a comment from the mayor that it would be helpful to develop a core group of volunteers who are engaged in art-related efforts. Those volunteers may be considered for future openings on the Lenexa Arts Council.

D. Committee Reports

1. Music

a. Community Orchestra

Ms. Neely reported the community orchestra is moving along wonderfully. The first concert was fantastic. She stated the weather backup plan has changed. Shawnee Mission West High School auditorium has been reserved as our weather-related backup location. The concerts will not be rescheduled to the following day as earlier planned. Since Goodwill is no longer able to help with transporting instruments/equipment to the civic campus, Ms. Neely is looking for other options.

Ms. Wampler reported she met with Bryan Voell from the Johnson County Library about opportunities to collaborate on music performances. These may include a LAC indoor performing arts series which was submitted to the Governing Body for consideration/funding for 2019. Some of the music committee members will meet with the library on July 30 to pursue the possible partnership. Ms. Tuckness suggested the LAC may also want to look into the possibility of partnering with the library on the future high school art gallery show that is being considered.

b. Outdoor Concerts

Ms. Wampler added there are two outdoor concerts scheduled in September.

2. Literary Arts

Mr. Robinson gave an update from the meeting he had with emcee, Jen Harris, about revamping the poetry slam and starting the events back up in September. The committee will review the proposal submitted from Ms. Harris.

3. Public Art

Ms. Ward reported the committee toured a number of parks and potential sites for public art earlier this evening. The group discussed several locations and types of art that may be wanted. Ms. Tuckness suggested that when the LAC pursues a new piece of public art, one of the considerations should be the story we want to tell. She also suggested a piece that would depict the story of Joe Garfield Brown, the champion brick layer who built what had been known as Elm Street in Old Town. A possible location for this would be Bradshaw Park at the intersection of Noland Road & Santa Fe Trail Drive. After researching their ideas the committee will meet with Mr. Ristow to discuss their next step. The group also talked about relocations for "Kuros," "Bison," and a painting that had been in storage at the old City Hall called "Autumn Landscape."

4. Sponsorships

Mr. Dothage reported the City is waiting for IRS approval of the 501c3 status and does not expect it before the end of the year.

5. Marketing

Mr. Ristow plans to schedule a meeting with the Communications Director upon her return.

6. Performing Arts

a. Theatre Hikes

Ms. Neely said Theatre Hikes, the non-profit group from Chicago that has been coming to Lenexa for the performances the past few years, cannot come this year. She also reached out to the former contacts from Theatre Hikes to explore other options. Currently, they do not have anything in the works that might be a suitable substitute. As such, there will be no Theatre Hike event this year.

b. Art Trolley Tour

Ms. Wampler reported the event is set for September 13. She has reached out to SpringHill Suites to confirm that they will have art for the Trolley Tour and offered to assist with lining up an artist if needed.

7. Gallery Shows

a. Steve Young, 2D Photography (July 17 – August 13)

Ms. Tuckness said the current artists on display are Steve Young photography and Bruce Burnaugh stone sculptures. This show will not have a reception.

b. 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.

c. Wendy Delzeit, 2D Photography and Cathy Scvacina, 3D Marble Collection (October 2 – October 29)

Art will be installed on October 1 at 4 p.m. and come down on October 29, at 4 p.m.

Ms. Tuckness and Ms. Neely are working on securing artists for November. The December show is Digital Dimensions, 2D photography. The LAC is thinking about some type of personal object show as the 3D art for December. Ms. Tuckness thanked Ms. Neely for following up on getting the lights installed in the gallery space.

AUGUST MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Robinson would like August meeting agenda items sent to him. He will not be at the August meeting so Ms. Behrmann will preside.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Dothage stated Missoula Children's Theatre camp was held last week at the Community Center. The play they presented was "Gulliver's Travels." He was very impressed with the production and is pleased the department contracted with Missoula Theatre again.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary