

## MINUTES AND AGENDAS

### **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2024, LENEXA ARTS COUNCIL MEETING, LENEXA CITY HALL, PRAIRIE STAR CONFERENCE ROOM, 17101 W. 87 ST. PKWY., LENEXA, KS**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Judy Tuckness.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Wayne Dothage, Sarah Homan, Anne Lawrence-Cherry, Carol Leligdon and Dale Trott.

Arts Council members absent: Cheryl Kimmi and Jennifer Wampler.

Staff members present: Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor and Logan Wagler, Parks and Recreation Director.

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

None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the September 17, 2024, minutes was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Mr. Trott, and approved 7-0.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities**

A list of upcoming LAC opportunities for late October – December 2024 was passed around for sign-ups.

##### **B. Programs/Project Updates**

###### **1. Public Art**

###### **a. Mural**

The Lenexa Old Town Activity Center construction project is slightly behind schedule. Construction is now expected to be completed after the first of the year. Staff is working with Doodle Dood to reschedule the painting of the mural to the spring when the weather will be more favorable. A formal Request for Amendment to KCAIC, who awarded the

\$9,500 grant, has been submitted seeking an extension to the deadline for completing the project.

b. *Amusing Breeze*

Artist Chris Duh's proposed renovation is to create stainless steel pieces that will cover the sphere, which originally was decorated with Italian glass mosaic which has failed. Per the proposal, the stainless covering will be fabricated in two hemispheres with a flange that looks like a flower. The stainless piece will be coated and colored in bright, whimsical colors. The glass has been removed and a rubber sealant has been applied to protect the sphere.

c. *Kuros*

*Kuros* has been relocated to the Justice Center and placed next to the entrance to the Community Room. The Community Room will draw a lot of people as it is intended to be available for a wide variety of meetings/activities.

d. *Bison*

The repairs to *Bison* were made a few months ago, and the piece is ready for display. Jeff Carlson, Parks Facilities Supervisor, will create a new display pedestal for the piece.

e. Public Art Workshops

Consultant Sheila Shockey has been retained to facilitate the Public Art workshops that will be held with the Governing Body and the Lenexa Arts Council. Two workshops will be held during the Committee of the Whole meetings in January (January 14 and January 28).

2. Outdoor Concert Series

The 10<sup>th</sup> season wrapped up on September 22 with the band Fast Times. Rain/weather was a factor causing the concert to end a little earlier than normal.

3. Community Orchestra

A wrap-up meeting was held on October 1. Richard Ryan is still interested in serving as the conductor of the orchestra. According to the satisfaction survey, musicians continue to be highly satisfied with him. Moving the concerts to Shawnee Mission Northwest High School was a positive change. There is a possibility of commissioning a piece in 2026 for the orchestra's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Plans are also in the works for small ensembles from the orchestra to perform in the Community Forum during the 2025 Art Fair.

4. Theater

The cast/crew is set, and rehearsals have been scheduled. The performances will take place at 6:30 pm on Saturday, December 14 and 3:30 pm on Sunday, December 15. LAC Member Sarah Homan will serve as the director and Emily Behrmann, Wayne Dothage, and Judy Tuckness as cast/crew members.

5. Literary Arts

The team met to discuss new ideas to provide literary arts opportunities for the community. A couple ideas include a book club that might include local authors and to have children create poetry by cutting letters/words from old magazines. These ideas will be further discussed.

6. Gallery

The current show featuring Creative Cloth quilts and Linda Jurkiewicz soft sculpture dolls has been very popular. The next show will be the Place of Peace Veterans Art Exhibit, held in partnership with Arts Council of Johnson County. The show will open October 29 with the artist reception on November 7. Final show of the year will feature Digital Dimensions and Beyond, photography group, and a portion of Bill Nicks' sunflower collection, which will help promote a full exhibit of his collection at the Legler Barn Museum in the spring. Plans are for Kristina Crawford, the art instructor for Parks and Recreation, to show children's art in the second-floor gallery space.

7. Peace Poles Community Art Project

The exhibit ended on September 30. The Rotary Club will host the auction on Friday, November 15. Online bidding will be held from 8 am on November 11 until noon on November 15. The silent auction will take place from 6 – 6:45 pm and will pick up where the online bids ended. The 10 poles with the highest bids at 6:45 pm on November 15 will go on to the live auction held in the Community Forum. The Rotary Club will donate proceeds from the auction to Project 1020.

8. City Center Live

The first performance held on October 12 featured Julie Othmer. The next performance featuring the Goldilocks String Quartet by Leia Barrett will take place on Saturday, November 9.

9. United States' 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program ideas

Discussions continue on ways to incorporate the 250th Anniversary into existing programs and events. The LAC could entertain the idea of organizing a float/entry in the July 4 parade.

## **NOVEMBER MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Neely will compile the November meeting agenda and send it out.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Wagler shared that the demolition of the Ad Astra Pool is underway. The pool/park is one of the priority locations for future public art. Design plans will be shared with the LAC soon.

The Lenexa Arts Council and ACJC were present at the October 1 City Council meeting to receive the Arts and Humanities Month Proclamation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Mr. Dothage, and approved 7-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary