

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2025, LENEXA ARTS COUNCIL MEETING, LENEXA CITY HALL, SANTA FE CONFERENCE ROOM, 17101 W. 87 ST. PKWY., LENEXA, KS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Anne Lawrence-Cherry.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Wayne Dothage, Sarah Homan, Cheryl Kimmi, Carol Leligdon, Daniel Parker and Jennifer Wampler.

Arts Council member absent: Judy Tuckness.

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 May 20, 2025, minutes was made by Ms. Leligdon, seconded by Ms. Behrmann, and approved 5-0.

Ms. Kimmi arrived at 6:02 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities
A list of upcoming LAC opportunities for late June – August was passed around for sign-ups.
- B. Programs/Project Updates
 - 1. Public Art
 - a. Strategic Plan Recap
Mr. Wagler provided a worksheet to guide the LAC through the steps identified in the Strategic Plan for recommending public art. He

reminded the group that the Ad Astra location was moved to the top of the priority list for new art. He covered the budget and theme for the new art at that location.

Mr. Parker arrived at 6:07 p.m. and Ms. Wampler at 6:16 p.m. to the meeting.

- b. Ad Astra Pool/Park New Art Piece
Allison Vandever from SFS Architecture, Inc., the architect team for the Ad Astra Pool reconstruction project, made a presentation showing plans and renderings for the new pool, parking lot, driveway and trail connections at the site as well as a number of options for where public art could be impactful. Highlights from the group discussion included: three-step approval process, types of art, locations for art, funding, artist selection strategy, community engagement, timing and next steps.
 - c. Justice Center
The July 15 LAC meeting will be held in the Community Room at the Lenexa Justice Center to view the space before working on a plan for new art at that facility.
 - d. Mural
Several LAC members attended the Lenexa Old Town Activity Center public dedication event on June 10 and noted that the space and new mural are fabulous. The mural is vibrant, happy, highly visible from the street and perfect for the space.
 - e. *Amusing Breeze*
The colorful hemispheres have been installed and look great. The spinning parts have been powder coated and are currently being repaired. They will be reinstalled soon.
2. City Center Live
Work continues on booking the fall 2025 and the spring 2026 performances. Kent Rausch has been booked for a performance in October. The *Wonderful Life* play will be offered in December.
 3. Outdoor Concerts
The first part of the 2025 season has concluded. All of the performances were a success. It has been a good experience with the three sponsors: Blue Moose Bar & Grill, Hauge Quality Water and Renewal by Andersen. The concession vendor, Neon Palm Ice, has been welcomed by visitors at the park and concert guests. The final two concerts will take place in September.
 4. Community Orchestra
The first concert is on Saturday, June 21 at SMNW High School. Rehearsals will also be held at the school.

5. Literary Arts
Kansas Poet Laureate Traci Brimhall has been scheduled for an event on November 20.
6. Gallery
The current show featuring Karen White and Kathy Colon has been well received. The next show will feature 2D art by James Caldwell and 3D glass art by Chuck Watson, both of Lawrence. Applications for the Place of Peace Veterans Art Exhibit are being accepted June – August 31. Arts Council of Johnson County and the LAC will co-host a social and informational meeting for veteran artists on Thursday, June 26 from 6-7 p.m. at City Hall.
7. Theater
Mr. Dothage and Ms. Behrmann both volunteered to assist Ms. Tuckness with directing the Wonderful Life play in December.
8. Sponsorships/Grants
Nothing new to report.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Ms. Homan mentioned that the grand opening for AdventHealth at Lenexa City Center is June 26 from 10 a.m. – noon.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary