

## MINUTES AND AGENDAS

### **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2025, LENEXA ARTS COUNCIL MEETING, LENEXA CITY HALL, SANTA FE CONFERENCE ROOM, 17101 W. 87 STREET PARKWAY, LENEXA**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Wayne Dothage, Sarah Homan, Cheryl Kimmi, Anne Lawrence-Cherry, Carol Leligdon, Daniel Parker 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 16, 2025, minutes was made by Ms. Leligdon, seconded by Ms. Lawrence-Cherry, and approved 7-0.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

Ms. Wampler arrived at 6:04 p.m. to the meeting.

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

###### **1. Public Art – Ad Astra Project**

###### **a. Functional Art**

ITRA Icons has not responded to LAC correspondence, but Joses Faus has indicated interest in working with the group. Details are being worked through. Mr. Wagler is in communication with Christa McAuliffe School to coordinate painting of the third bench.

b. Sculpture

The deadline for submitting proposals is October 31.

Public Art – Justice Center

Ms. Lawrence-Cherry has reached out to local artists from Hallmark and several artists who are qualified and interested in being considered for this project. The group would like to move forward with four of the artists along with Dylan Mortimer. The public art recommendation worksheet will be updated along with the draft RFP for LAC members to review. Next step will be a presentation to the Governing Body.

Daniel Parker arrived at 6:13 p.m. to the meeting.

2. City Center Live

The October 11 performance of Rudy Amato drew about 90 people who enjoyed his show. New signage promoting City Center Live and information regarding the space was very helpful. The schedule is as follows:

- November 8, 2025 – Beau Bledsoe with Ezgi Karakus
- December 13 & 14, 2025 – It's a Wonderful Life – A Live Radio Play
- January 10, 2026 – Amber Underwood
- February 14, 2026 – Kansas City Ballet Second Company
- March 14, 2026 – Doug Talley Quartet
- October 10, 2026 – Open
- November 14, 2026 – Fountain City Strings
- December 12, 2026 – It's a Wonderful Life (tentatively)

3. Orchestra Recap/Planning

A meeting with conductor Richard Ryan was held on September 30. Orchestra members continue to appreciate and enjoy the experience. Ideas were discussed for 2026 which will be the orchestra's 10<sup>th</sup> season.

4. Outdoor Concert Series Recap

Final concert of the season was on September 21 and featured Rex Hobart and the Honky Tonk Standards. About 160 people attended. The music team will meet in the next month to plan 2026 season.

5. Literary Arts

On November 20 Traci Brimhall, Kansas Poet Laureate will do a reading from her new book, "Eat Your Words: A Poetry Cookbook," in the Haskins Room at the Lenexa Old Town Activity Center. The Literary Arts Team will meet after the November meeting to continue planning a literary-themed trivia event in early 2026.

6. Gallery

Artist Allan Winkler arranged for the Gamelan Genta Kasturi orchestra to perform in the gallery on October 18. The Place of Peace show will be

installed on October 27. The reception and art talk will be held on November 6. The December/January show will feature Digital Dimensions photography and Betty Turmon's miniature rooms.

7. Theater

The group will revisit the idea of a Halloween-themed community theater performance in October 2026.

8. Sponsorships/Grants

Everything is in and taken care of for the Tranby Grant.

9. Manhattan Short Film Festival Recap

This year's crowd (160) was the largest yet. The group commented on the mature content in several of the short films. The city posts a disclaimer on the web to notify the public that the content may not be suitable for all audiences.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Arts Council of Johnson County is seeking nominations for the arts advocate award; deadline is November 1.

Ms. Tuckness accepted the mayor's proclamation on October 7 for Arts & Humanities Month.

Small-group ensembles are planned again for next year's Art Fair. The LAC will also have a table.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary