

## MINUTES AND AGENDAS

### **MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2026, 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 6:01 p.m. by Chairperson Judy Tuckness.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Wayne Dothage, Cheryl Kimmi, Sarah Homan, 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**

Mike Paget, Manager of Green Guitar Folk House, attended the meeting. He is interested in any ideas for getting the word out to Lenexa residents about their monthly concerts held in Old Town.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the December 16, 2025, minutes was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Mr. Dothage, and approved 9-0.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

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

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

In mid-January the Governing Body, Lenexa Arts Council and four staff members reviewed and rated the seven proposed sculptures created by Nathan Pierce. Scores for each piece were tallied, and the pieces ranked. The piece “Splish” received the highest ranking.

**Motion to recommend the purchase of the art piece “Splish” was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 9-0.**

The recommendation from the LAC to the Governing Body will be added to an upcoming City Council meeting agenda.

2. Public Art – Justice Center Community Room

The RFP for the public art installation in the Community Room at the Justice Center will be sent to the five shortlisted artists on February 12. Deadline to respond will be March 31, 2026.

C. City Center Live

The audience loved the January 10 performance by Amber Underwood. All seats were filled. The Kansas City Ballet Second Company will perform on February 14. The March 14 performance will feature the Doug Talley Quartet. City Center Live performances will resume in October, November and December.

D. Theatre

“It’s a Wonderful Life-A Live Radio Play” was performed on December 13 & 14. A discussion was held on performing the same play with only one performance and/or offering the show every other year. Another thought would be to present the live play “War of the Worlds” in October. At the February LAC meeting the group will discuss and finalize plans for 2026.

E. Literary Arts

The poetry cookbook event with Kansas Poet Laureate Traci Brimhall on November 20 was very well received. The LAC discussed plans for the upcoming literary-themed trivia contest, Trivia Night for Bookworms, on Thursday, March 26, from 6:30-8:30pm at the Public Market Kitchen. Participation is \$5 per person. People can sign up in teams of 6 or fewer, or they can play as individuals.

F. Gallery

The current exhibit featuring Digital Dimensions photography and miniatures by Betty Turmon is very good. On Monday, January 26 the HeART of Lenexa Show will be installed. The March show will feature abstract paintings by Madeline Pettes, Douglas Eikermann and Janey Greene and 3D sculptures by Lisa and Harry Healey. The April show will feature Bryce Holt acrylics. Dean Kube paintings and Cecilia Labora glass jewelry will be on display for the May exhibit.

G. Sponsorships/Grants

The LAC will put in a request for the Martha Lee Cain Tranby Music Enrichment Fund Grant again this year. Deadline is February 15.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Citizen Survey Report  
Tabled until the February meeting.

2027 LAC Budget Recommendation  
A 2027 budget recommendation will be discussed and voted on during the February meeting.

Outdoor Concert Series Schedule  
Schedule will be set soon.

Orchestra  
Will be reaching out to conductor soon to discuss 2026 schedule.

Lenexa Art Fair  
The artist application deadline was January 16. The jury review is taking place now. There are 161 applicants for 50 slots.

Volunteer Hours  
Remember to send 2025 volunteer hours to Ms. Neely as soon as possible

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary