

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 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 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

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the January 20, 2026, minutes was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Behrmann, and approved 8-0.

Ms. Kimmi arrived at 6:02 p.m. to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2027 Budget Recommendation Discussion
LAC agreed they were able to accomplish their program goals with the current budget amounts and do not need to ask for an increase.

Motion to recommend for City Council's consideration the same amount of \$34,050 for the programming in 2027 was made by Ms. Wampler, seconded by Ms. Leligdon, and approved 9-0.

Motion to recommend for City Council's consideration the same amount of \$10,550 for the 2027 community orchestra, was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Homan, and approved 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities

A list of upcoming LAC opportunities for March - May was passed around for sign-ups.

B. Citizen Survey Recap

Mr. Wagler shared the results from the most recent ETC citizens survey which were very positive. The survey takes place every two years. You can find the official results on the city website.

C. Programs/Project Updates

1. Public Art – Ad Astra Sculpture, *Splish*

a. Work has begun on the sales agreement with artist Nathan Pierce.

b. Justice Center Community Room

The RFP was sent to the shortlisted artists on February 10. Proposal deadline is March 31.

2. City Center Live

The KC Ballet Second Company held on February 14 was very nice. Attendance was around 170. Next performance will be the Doug Talley Quartet on March 14.

3. Theater

The Lac intends to present the live radio play “War of the Worlds” on October 10 as part of the City Center Live series. The last few years “It’s a Wonderful Life” was presented during December.

4. Outdoor Concerts

The schedule is finalized. Here is the 2026 lineup:

- May 17 – Pure Sweetness Entertainment – R & B, pop, rock, country
- May 24 (Memorial Day weekend) – Green Shoebox Band – classic rock to contemporary pop
- May 31 – Joshua Tree – U2 tribute band
- June 7 – KCJO7 – ensemble from Kansas City Jazz Orchestra
- June 14 (Fathers’ Day) – Stolen Winnebagos, variety of styles including classic rock, new wave, grunge, hip hop, punk alternative, classic country
- September 20 – Kansas City Latin Jazz Orchestra
- September 27 – Kicks Band – Big band swing jazz

5. Orchestra

Once the schedule is confirmed from the schools, recruitment may begin.

6. Literary Arts

Trivia Night for Bookworms is scheduled on March 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Public Market Kitchen.

7. Gallery

Artists Madeline Pettes, Janey Greene, Doug Eikermann along with Harry and Lisa Healey will have their art on display in the gallery during March. Bryce Holt acrylics and Clarissa Knighten jewelry will be displayed in April. The May exhibit will feature Dean Kube paintings and Cecilia Labora glass jewelry.

8. Sponsorships/Grants

The Tranby Grant application was submitted on February 11.

OPEN DISCUSSION

LAC elections for Chair and Vice-Chair will be held at next month's meeting (March 17).

The M-80s have been hired to perform at this year's Great Lenexa Barbeque Battle, Kansas State Championship and Superstar Mafia for the 2026 Lenexa Chili Challenge.

LAC members Anne Lawrence-Cherry, Dan Parker and Jennifer Wampler will be reappointed to the Council at tonight's City Council meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary