

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 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 Anne Lawrence-Cherry.

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

Arts Council member absent: Cheryl Kimmi.

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 March 17, 2026, minutes was made by Ms. Leligdon, seconded by Ms. Homan, and approved 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities
A list of upcoming LAC opportunities for late April - July was passed around for sign-ups.
- B. Programs/Project Updates
 - 1. Public Art –
 - a. Priority List of Locations
Mr. Wagler reviewed the current priority list of locations, existing public art collection, and shared information about a few upcoming development projects in the city where new art could be added. The group discussed several of their options and updated the priority list.

Ms. Wampler arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Mr. Parker arrived at 6:27 p.m.

Motion for approval to recommend to the Governing Body the following priority list of locations for public art was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 7-0. Mr Parker abstained since he missed the discussion.

Priority List of Locations for Public Art

1. Black Hoof Park, 9053 Monticello Road (zone 2).
2. Fire Station #6, 87th Street Parkway and Monrovia Street (zone 1)
3. Centennial Park, 91st and Clare Road (zone 3)
4. Cedar Station Park (Mize Lake) or Canyon Creek Boulevard, south of Prairie Star Parkway (zone 3)
5. Fire Station #3, 24000 Prairie Star Parkway (zone 3)
6. Little Mill Creek Park North, West 79th Street & Cottonwood Street (zone 1)

The LAC requested that a plaque be placed next to the Joy Baer art piece titled *Abstract Spinach Garden* which is currently on display in Thompson Barn.

b. Justice Center Community Room

The city received nine proposals from four of the five artists who had been invited to participate in the limited call, which concluded on March 31. The LAC was directed to review the proposals and narrow the pool to four for further consideration.

Motion for approval to narrow the pool to the top four finalist proposal submissions was made by Ms. Tuckness, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 8-0.

Mr. Wagler will provide an update to the Governing Body at an upcoming meeting, and we intend to follow a similar voting process as done for previous public art projects to select the final piece.

c. Ad Astra - *Splish*

Artist Nathan Pierce will deliver *Splish* to the City on May 18 for installation. The Ad Astra Pool dedication ceremony is being planned for Tuesday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

d. *Amusing Breeze*

One of the spinning parts of the sculpture broke during high winds a couple weeks ago. The remaining orange spinning piece is working fine now.

2. City Center Live
Mandolin Orchestra of Kansas City has been booked for the December performance, filling the fall schedule.
3. Theater
The group discussed plans for casting “War of the Worlds”, which will be performed as part of City Center Live on October 10. Details to follow.
4. Literary Arts
Trivia Night for Bookworms on Mach 26 was a big hit. Feedback from the survey was very favorable, but a few minor adjustments will be made on future events
5. Orchestra
The mayor will present a proclamation at the May 19 City Council meeting. The Meet & Greet will be on May 27. The orchestra will be featured on the cover of the July issue of Town Talk. Repertoire plan has been set. Concert dates are June 27, July 18 and July 31.
6. Outdoor Concerts
Fans with the concert schedule dates have been ordered.
7. Gallery
This show is being promoted in the Lenexa Art Fair promotions. Artists are Dean Kube (2D) acrylic paintings and (3D) Cecilia Labora glass jewelry. The reception/art talk will be held May 14.
8. Sponsorships/Grants
The remainder of the Tranby Grant is being processed.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The May 19, regular LAC meeting, will be cancelled due to overlap with the Ad Astra Pool dedication. At the 7 p.m. City Council meeting scheduled for that evening the LAC annual report and presentation will be presented by chair Anne Lawrence-Cherry along with the orchestra proclamation.

The KC Symphony Music Box strings ensemble will perform on April 29 at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park at 6:30 p.m.

Missoula Children’s Theater will take place July 13-18. The performance is the ‘The Emperor’s New Clothes’.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary