

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 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 6:05 p.m. by Chairperson Judy Tuckness.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Wayne Dothage, Sarah Homan, Cheryl Kimmi, Anne Lawrence-Cherry, Carol Leligdon and Jennifer Wampler.

Arts Council member absent: Daniel Parker.

Staff members present: Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor and Logan Wagler, Parks and Recreation Director.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Shawnee Mission West High School students Kori Allen and Calista Loss attended tonight's meeting as a class requirement. Natalie Marcel, their friend, was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the March 18, 2025, minutes was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities

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

B. Programs/Project Updates

1. Public Art

a. Public Art Strategic Plan

The group reviewed the plan prior to the meeting and submitted questions/feedback. After tonight's discussion the group made a motion to recommend the plan.

Motion to recommend acceptance of the Public Art Strategic Plan to the Governing Body for acceptance was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Lawrence-Cherry, and approved 8-0.

Shockey Consulting will present the plan to the Governing Body at the May 13 COW meeting.

b. Public Art Priority List Locations

Per the city's public art policy, the LAC is expected to review/provide a recommendation of the priority list of locations to the City Council on an annual basis. After discussion, the LAC reorganized the 2024 list in the order as shown below. The list was modified due to timing associated with upcoming projects.

1. Ad Astra Pool renovation
2. Justice Center, indoors
3. Black Hoof Park
4. Cedar Station Park (Mize Lake)
5. Fire Station 3
6. Little Mill Creek North Park
7. Centennial Park (future park)

Motion to recommend the updated Public Art Priority List Locations to the Governing Body was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Ms. Homan, and approved 8-0.

The group acknowledged that working on the Ad Astra Pool project will be a good opportunity to test the new process.

c. Mural

Evan Brown (Doodle Dood) will begin working on the mural Monday, April 21, and the project is slated to be completed by May 31. The city has planned a dedication ceremony for the Lenexa Old Town Activity Center on Tuesday, June 10 from 6-8pm. Ms. Wampler suggested inviting local senators, representatives and arts commission leaders.

d. *Amusing Breeze*

Staff met with artist Chris Duh at the site on April 15 to plan logistics for completing the renovation. Mr. Duh is hopeful of completing the renovation by late May.

2. City Center Live

No updates at this time.

3. Outdoor Concerts

T-shirts have been ordered. Sponsors this year are Blue Moose (presenting), Hague and Renewal by Andersen.

4. Community Orchestra
The concert and rehearsal dates have been finalized. Recruiting is going well with 80 musician applications received so far. The Meet & Greet will take place on May 21 at City Hall.
5. Literary Arts
The literary arts team will meet on April 30 to talk about plans.
6. Gallery
The volunteer photographer exhibit has been well received. About 90 people attended the reception on April 3. Blue Moose sponsored the reception and provided food and beverages. The next show will feature Studio Art Quilt Associates. Applications for Place of Peace Veterans' Art Exhibit will begin on June 1.
7. Theater
The planning team would like to add another live-radio play in October 2026 – War of the Worlds. It's a Wonderful Life live-radio play will be presented again this December as part of City Center Live.
8. Sponsorships/Grants
Payment request for the mural grant (\$9,500) has been submitted. The Tranby grant (\$1,500) has just been received.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Reminder that the Volunteer Appreciation dinner will take place on Tuesday, April 22.
- A proclamation recognizing Arbor Day and the city's forestry efforts is scheduled at tonight's council meeting. Parks staff will hand out free tree seedlings.
- The LAC plans to engage with the public at their booth during the Lenexa Art Show on May 10.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary