

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 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, Cheryl Kimmi, Sarah Homan, Anne Lawrence-Cherry, Carol Leligdon, Daniel Parker and Jennifer Wampler.

Arts Council member absent: Wayne Dothage

Staff member present: Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

The LAC welcomed Shawnee Mission Northwest High School student Julia Anisimova who is attending tonight's meeting for a class requirement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the February 17, 2026, minutes was made by Ms. Leligdon, seconded by Ms. Behrmann, and approved 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Council Elections

Ms. Leligdon nominated Anne-Lawrence-Cherry as Chairperson. There were no other nominations.

Motion to approve Ms. Lawrence-Cherry as Chairperson was made by Ms. Leligdon, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 7-0.

Ms. Kimmi nominated Carol Leligdon as Vice-Chairperson. There were no other nominations.

Motion to approve Ms. Leligdon as Vice-Chairperson was made by Ms. Kimmi, seconded by Ms. Behrmann, and approved 7-0.

The group thanked Ms. Tuckness for serving the past two years as the chairperson.

Mr. Parker arrived at 6:12 p.m. to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities

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

B. Programs/Project Updates

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

a. The sales agreement with artist Nathan Pierce is ready. The LAC inquired about plans for the dedication. As soon as final details have been confirmed Ms. Neely will let the council know.

b. Ad Astra, Recycled Park Furniture (Made from Wind Turbines)

No delivery date has been confirmed but staff is expecting to receive the pieces this summer. More information to follow.

c. Student Inquiry

The LAC received a letter from a sixth grade homeschool student who had questions and comments regarding the sculpture *Splish* and general questions about the city's public art policies and procedures. The student's inquiry and Ms. Neely's response were shared at the meeting. The group discussed ways to share more information with the public regarding city art.

d. *Bison*

The piece has been repaired and is ready for installation in the second-floor lobby at City Hall once the new pedestal is created.

e. Justice Center Community Room

Three of the five artists who have been invited to submit proposals accepted the offer to meet and visit the site in person. Proposal deadline is March 31.

f. Priority List of Locations

Each year the LAC is required to recommend a priority list of locations for public art. Two of the locations will come off the list in 2026 with the completion of projects at Ad Astra and the Justice Center. The group talked about potential additions to the listing. The priority list recommendation will be discussed further at the April meeting. A city tour to visit parks and other city sites this summer will be planned.

2. City Center Live

The last performance in the current season wrapped up on March 14 with a great performance by the Doug Talley Quartet. The November performer is Fountain City Strings. The group suggested the Mandolin Orchestra of Kansas City as the December performance.

3. Theater
The October City Center Live performance will feature the live radio play, "War of the Worlds" on Saturday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m.
4. Outdoor Concerts
Nothing new to report.
5. Orchestra
Tentative concert dates are: Saturday, June 27, Saturday, July 18 and Friday, July 31. All concerts and rehearsals are planned for Shawnee Mission Northwest High School. Three orchestra members will compose a piece for each of the three concerts.
6. Literary Arts
Trivia Night for Bookworms will take place on Thursday, March 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Public Market Kitchen.
7. Gallery
The current show featuring artists Madeline Pettes, Janey Greene, Doug Eikermann and Harry and Lisa Healey is receiving lots of compliments. About 40 people attended the reception on March 5. Bryce Holt acrylics and Clarissa Knighten jewelry will be displayed in April.
8. Sponsorships/Grants
The LAC has been notified they will receive a Martha Lee Cain Tranby Enrichment Fund Grant in the amount of \$1,500 for the 2026 orchestra season.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The group discussed World Cup watch parties that will be hosted by Pitch Lenexa on June 12, June 25 and July 11. Information can be found at www.pitchlenexa.com.

The LAC Annual Report to the Governing Body will be scheduled in April or May.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Wampler, seconded by Ms. Lawrence-Cherry, and approved 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary