

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 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 6:12 p.m. by Chairperson Judy Tuckness.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Wayne Dothage, Sarah Homan, Anne Lawrence-Cherry, Carol Leligdon, Daniel Parker 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 January 21, 2025, minutes was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Behrmann, and approved 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026 Budget Recommendation

The 2025 Lenexa Arts Council budget for general programming is \$31,050 and the Community Orchestra budget is \$10,550. The group discussed asking for a \$3,000 increase for the general LAC budget since the bands are requiring more money for performances.

Motion to recommend for City Council's consideration the addition of \$3,000 for a total of \$34,050 for the Lenexa Arts Council general budget and \$10,550 for the Community Orchestra budget with no increase was made by Ms. Homan, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 8-0.

B. LAC Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair and Vice-Chair elections are held annually in March. Mr. Dothage nominated Ms. Tuckness to serve another year as Chair and Ms. Lawrence – Cherry as Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations.

Motion to approve Judy Tuckness as Chairperson and Anne Lawrence-Cherry as Vice-Chairperson was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 8-0.

Ms. Tuckness welcomed new LAC member Daniel Parker.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities

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

B. Programs/Project Updates

1. Public Art

a. Strategic Plan Review

Following the two joint public art workshops, Shockey Consulting prepared a draft public art planning document. The document was shared with the LAC to review. The document will be finalized at the April LAC meeting in preparation of the presentation to the Governing Body at the May 13 COW meeting. Ms. Tuckness will present the Lenexa Arts Council annual report and Shockey Consulting and Mr. Wagler will share the Public Art Master Plan.

b. *Amusing Breeze*

Artist Chris Duh is running into challenges with his fabricator. This will likely delay the project.

c. Mural

An on-site walk-through is planned for April 2 with staff and artist Evan Brown. Painting will begin in April.

2. City Center Live

Mother and daughter folk duo Kristin and Lucy Gray Hamilton performed on March 8 which was the last performance of the current season. City Center Live will resume in October 2025.

3. Outdoor Concerts

The dates and bands have been secured.

- May 18 – Grand Marquis (Horn band)
- May 25 – Old Sound (Bluegrass)
- June 1 – Big Rick Soul Band, Motown (Funk and Soul)
- June 8 – Mariachi Estrella
- June 15 – Shining Star KC (Earth, Wind and Fire tribute)
- September 14 – Flashback (80s tribute)
- September 21 – Rex Hobart & The Honky Tonk Standards (60's & 70's classic honky-tonk country)

4. Community Orchestra
Concert dates are June 21, July 19 at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School and August 2 at Shawnee Mission West High School. Recruitment has begun. The Meet & Greet is scheduled for May 21 in the Gallery and Community Forum. Five small group performances are planned at the Art Fair.
5. Literary Arts
The literary team will schedule a meeting to discuss plans.
6. Gallery
The gallery schedule is booked for the year. Construction on the 2nd floor is expected to begin later this year. It is likely that there will be no wall place to display future art.
7. Theater
Ms. Homan is interested in considering another radio play during the year. The theater team will meet to discuss a plan for 2026.
8. Sponsorships/Grants
The outdoor concert series has two sponsors: Renewal by Anderson & EverFast Fiber Networks.

Tranby Grant application was submitted in February.

Orchestra conductor Richard Ryan suggested possible grant sources for a commissioned piece in 2026: Muriel Kauffman Foundation and ArtsKC.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The group discussed running an Arts Council booth at the Art Fair in May. Ms. Neely will work on a plan and schedule for consideration.

KC Symphony is having a concert on April 23 at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park.

An updated LAC roster with contact information was distributed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary