

## MINUTES AND AGENDAS

### **MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2023, LENEXA ARTS COUNCIL MEETING, LENEXA CITY HALL, PRAIRIE STAR CONFERENCE ROOM, 17101 W. 87 ST. PKWY., LENEXA, KS**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Vice-Chair Judy Tuckness.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Jess Collins, Wayne Dothage, Anne Lawrence-Cherry and Jennifer Wampler.

Arts Council members absent: Cheryl Kimmi, Dale Trott and Claire Ward.

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 April 18, 2023, minutes was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Mr. Collins, and approved 6-0.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities**

A list of upcoming LAC opportunities for late May through early August was passed around for sign-ups.

##### **B. Program/Project Updates**

###### **1. Arts Programming Space**

Ms. Tuckness reported that Catherine Kirkland shared her vision for a performing arts facility. Ms. Kirkland also attended the Master Plan Open House meeting and shared her vision with the consultants and staff.

2. Public Art

Ms. Tuckness reiterated her ideas for new public art: (1) a mural depicting wings at the civic campus where people can pose for photos, and (2) kinetic art pieces by Lyman Whitaker for Black Hoof Park. Mr. Wagler shared the staff's perspective on the next steps for recommending public art. LAC plans to work on the effort systematically during upcoming LAC meetings.

3. Outdoor Concert Series

The series kicks off with the M80s on Sunday, May 21 at 5 p.m. at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park. LAC members were encouraged to arrive shortly before the concert begins. Mr. Dothage gave a shoutout to the City's Communication Department for the concert series promotions this season.

4. City Center Live

The City Center Live planning team will meet following tonight's LAC meeting. An update will be shared at the June meeting.

5. Community Orchestra

The repertoire has been set and is posted on the city website. The musician Meet & Greet will be held on Monday, May 22, from 6-7 p.m. at the City Hall Art Gallery and Prairie Star Conference Room.

6. Theater on the Trail

The agreement with director Jeff Lady is in the works. Plans are for a series of stories by Mark Twain. A third presentation of the play is being planned at the City Center Library for children and families.

7. Gallery

The current show featuring Kevin Horvath is unique with superior quality art. The next artist will be Elnora Nokes (2D) and items from the Legler Barn collection will be displayed in the 3D cases.

8. Sponsorships/Grants

The Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission will meet on Thursday, May 18 to discuss recommendations for the mural grant.

## **JUNE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Please send June meeting agenda items to Ms. Neely. She will compile the agenda and send it out.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

The LAC acknowledged that the Art Fair on May 13 was a big success. Ms. Neely thanked the LAC members who volunteered at the event. The estimated attendance

was 7,500. We received positive feedback from the artists, food trucks, sponsors, winery's, breweries and the public.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Dothage and approved 6-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary