

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 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 6:02 p.m. by Chairperson Dale Trott.

Arts Council members present: Jess Collins, Cheryl Kimmi, Anne Lawrence-Cherry, Judy Tuckness, Jennifer Wampler and Claire Ward.

Arts Council members absent: Emily Behrmann and Wayne Dothage.

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 May 16, 2023, minutes was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities

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

B. Program/Project Updates

1. Arts Programming Space

Mr. Trott attended the most recent Parks and Recreation Master Plan committee meeting. Reference was made to Catherine Kirkland's vision for an arts facility, which she shared with staff and the consultant at the master plan open house. Mr. Wagler reported that one of the take-aways from the statistically valid survey was the community's interest in opportunities to hear live music performances.

He also shared that stakeholder meetings will be scheduled in the next couple of months.

2. Public Art

a. Lenexa Old Town Activity Center (LOTAC)

Two of the final artists, Phil Shafer, aka Sike Style & JT Daniels and Evan Brown “Doodle Dood” have indicated interest in developing concepts for consideration. One of the finalists declined due to his current workload. Consultant Steven Boody will seek further input from the committee to determine the last finalist who will be invited to participate.

b. Wings Mural

Ms. Tuckness suggested this topic should be tabled for now since the city is currently pursuing a mural project at the LOTAC site and also because the civic campus was not included as a priority location to the Governing Body earlier this year.

c. Black Hoof Park

The group discussed pursuing one or more kinetic sculptures created by Lyman Whitaker, an internationally known artist. LAC members spoke in favor of his work. The style of his kinetic pieces are interesting and would be visually appealing at Black Hoof Park. His style of kinetic art is very popular and has been copied and a lot of imitation pieces can be found throughout the community. Our city council prefers art that is special and not something you can see in a neighboring community. Mr. Wagler recommended if the LAC wishes to pursue a Lyman Whitaker installment, they should research options and have a conversation with the Governing Body at a Committee of the Whole meeting to gauge interest. Ms. Wampler commented that a benefit of pursuing a piece of Mr. Whitaker’s inventory is that it could be installed quicker.

Motion to pursue a kinetic piece by Lyman Whitaker for Black Hoof Park was made by Ms. Tuckness, seconded by Ms. Kimmi, and approved 7-0.

d. “Na Nex Se” Maintenance

Mr. Wagler suggested the bronze piece “Na Nex Se” needs to be cleaned and waxed. Ms. Tuckness attended a cleaning training session with Parks Facilities Supervisor Jeff Carlson several years ago. LAC members indicated interest in helping with the cleaning.

e. “Kuros”

The piece “Kuros” also needs maintenance work done. If any of the LAC has a contact, please pass the name to Ms. Neely.

3. Outdoor Concert Series
The spring portion of the series has been very successful. Attendance is up this year. People continue to say that they enjoy and appreciate the concerts. A suggestion was made to add signage directing people to the Foundry Church for parking.
4. City Center Live
Four of the six concerts for Fall 2023 through Spring 2024 have been scheduled. Confirmed performers are: Mandolin Orchestra of Kansas City (October), Marimba Sol de Chiapas (November), Danielle Ate the Sandwich (December) and Shakedown Strings (February).
5. Community Orchestra
The first concert will take place on July 1. Everyone is looking forward to a great season.
6. Theater on the Trail
The group is looking for a new director. Ms. Tuckness has been talking with actors and working on a plan to proceed with the show.
7. Gallery
Elnora Nokes' exhibit is wonderful. About 75 people attended her reception. The Legler Barn exhibit is also well received. The next show will feature Lou Gehring Photography and Darlene Burton eco-prints. The Lenexa Artists' Show will follow.
8. Sponsorships/Grants
The city was approved for a mural grant through the Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission. The city will be notified in the near future about the specific amount of the grant.

JULY MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

- The parade and Freedom run will take place on July 4.
- The Parks and Recreation Department put in a budget request for a new Peace Poles exhibit at Black Hoof Park in 2024.
- Ms. Wampler inquired why the LAC wasn't made aware of the Juneteenth event held at the civic campus on June 19. The event was not organized by the city – it was a county event. If the county holds the event again next year, the LAC will be notified.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Tuckness, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary