

## MINUTES AND AGENDAS

### **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 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 6:06 p.m. by Vice-Chair Judy Tuckness.

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

Arts Council members absent: Cheryl Kimmi and Dale Trott.

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

#### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Lenexa Residents Ron and Ann Ward are attending the meeting tonight because they are interested in the agenda item, Arts Programming Space Discussion.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the January 17, 2023, minutes was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Mr. Collins, and approved 7-0.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. LAC Elections in March

At the March meeting, elections will be held for the LAC Chair and Vice-Chairperson positions. These elections are held annually.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities

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

B. 2024 LAC Budget Discussion

The LAC reviewed the proposed budget document that had been provided prior to the meeting. LAC has not requested a budget increase since 2019. The community appreciates and has come to expect the programs offered by the LAC, including the Outdoor Concert Series, City Center Live and gallery shows/receptions. Due to increasing costs for performers and other items, the group recommends requesting

an increase of \$2,795 which will help them to continue offering the programs at the level our community expects. Procedures for the art gallery receptions were discussed and it was decided no changes should be made. Artists will continue to provide whatever food/beverages they wish to provide. Food/drinks for the receptions hosted by the LAC will be provided from the LAC's budget. The community orchestra budget is managed separately. For 2024, no increase is being requested for the orchestra.

**Motion to recommend for City Council's consideration an increase of \$2,795 to the 2024 Lenexa Arts Council Proposed Budget was made by Ms. Wampler, seconded by Mr. Dothage, and approved 7-0.**

### C. Program/Project Updates

#### 1. Arts Programming Space Discussion

There is no new discussion on this topic. To recap, any decisions about pursuing dedicated space for arts programming would be determined based on community priorities. The Parks and Recreation Master Planning process will be a perfect opportunity to learn of community priorities. LAC Chair Mr. Trott will serve on the master plan steering committee as a representative of the LAC.

#### 2. Public Art

##### a. Priority Locations Discussion

The group reviewed a map showing the location of existing public art sculptures in Lenexa as well as the priority locations identified and recommended to the Governing Body in 2022. The LAC will be updating its priority list of locations and will present the recommendation to the Governing Body in April. The LAC's March meeting will be modified to begin at 5:30 p.m. for a tour to view possible locations for new art. Following the tour, the meeting will be held to address any additional business.

The meeting was paused at 6:53 p.m. to attend the City Council meeting for the reappointment of three members. The LAC reconvened its meeting at 7:13 p.m.

##### b. Art Pieces – *Kuros* and *Bison*

The group discussed the idea of relocating *Bison* and *Kuros* to the new Justice Center when it is finished. *Kuros* needs to undergo some restoration work. Ms. Tuckness suggested contacting someone at the Nelson Atkins Museum for guidance.

#### 3. Outdoor Concert Series

The lineup has been finalized. At the March 7 City Council meeting the governing body is expected to approve sponsorships for this year. The Outdoor Concert Series is slated to have a presenting sponsor.

4. Sponsorships/Grants

Mr. Dothage reviewed a grant opportunity for the mural project and determined that the grant needs to be used in the year the mural is completed. This grant application will be put on hold for now and reconsidered when the schedule for the mural project is available. The deadline for submitting the Tranby grant information for the community orchestra this year was missed.

5. City Center Live

Calvin Arsenia is the next performer on March 11. It is anticipated this performance may draw a large audience. Doors will open to the public at 5:30 p.m. The City Center Live team will meet soon to plan the fall 2023 / spring 2024 season.

6. Literary Arts – Partnership Opportunity

Johnson County Library has reached out to the LAC to explore the possibility of teaming up to offer an open mic event. At this time, no financial commitment is needed. The city commitment would be to provide the space, help promote the opportunity and have a staff/volunteer member at the events. The events will be one hour in length. Location, structure and suggestions for the events were discussed. Ms. Neely will reach out to the library contacts to discuss further.

7. Community Orchestra

Conductor Richard Ryan has selected the concert dates: July 1, July 29 and August 12. Community Covenant Church is available and has agreed to host the concerts. The plan is to begin recruiting musicians on March 1.

8. Theater on the Trail

The theater team met with a new prospective director for the program in 2023 since the director from last year has a conflict. The new director is very enthusiastic and has great ideas for the program. Details need to be finalized soon so we can begin promoting the opportunity.

9. Gallery

The HeART of Lenexa show will come down on February 27. Artist Billy Smith's paintings of legendary creatures and Greg Biel's wooden bowls will be installed. In April, the gallery will feature quilts from the KC Modern Quilt Guild and in May, the gallery will feature graphic lettering by Kevin Horvath. Receptions will be hosted by the artists for all three of these shows.

## **MARCH MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

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

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Dothage mentioned that the Theatre in the Park season has been announced.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Behrmann, and approved 7-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary