

## **MINUTES AND AGENDAS**

### **MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 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 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dale Trott.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Jess Collins, Wayne Dothage, Judy Tuckness and Jennifer Wampler.

Arts Council members absent: Cheryl Kimmi, Anne Lawrence-Cherry 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 December 20, 2022, minutes was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Behrmann, and approved 6-0.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

A list of upcoming LAC opportunities for late-January to March 2023 was passed around for sign-ups

##### **B. 2024 LAC Budget Discussion**

Each year, the LAC is asked to review its goals and make a budget recommendation for the city to consider as part of the upcoming year's budget. The group looked at 2022 expenditures and discussed their LAC programs. Ms. Neely will update the budget documents with proposed changes for 2024 based on tonight's discussions and send it prior to the February meeting.

## C. Program/Project Updates

### 1. Arts Programming Space Discussion

The LAC wishes to seek community input during the parks master planning process to determine whether dedicated recreational space for arts programming is a community priority. One of the ways the city will gauge community interest is through a statistically valid survey. Community members may also share input through public meetings/workshops.

### 2. Public Art

There is no update at this time on the mural project. The LAC will review its current list of priority locations for future public art to determine if any changes are recommended. The plan is to take any new recommendations to the Governing Body when the LAC delivers its annual report in April. A park tour to visit potential locations is being planned for the March meeting.

### 3. Outdoor Concert Series

Four of the seven bands contacted have accepted. They are M80s, Hard @ Play, Back Alley Brass Band and Vigil Annie.

### 4. Sponsorships/Grants

Mr. Dothage is finalizing the information for a Martha Lee Cain Tranby Trust grant for the community orchestra. The Parks and Recreation Department is working on securing sponsors for festivals and events.

### 5. City Center Live

The January performance by Nick Carswell was well attended. Next month Forest Kinsey (comedian and filmmaker) will perform and in March Calvin Arsenia is scheduled.

### 6. Community Orchestra

Ms. Neely has reached out to conductor Richard Ryan, the Community Covenant Church and Shawnee Mission Northwest and is working on confirming details for the 2023 season.

### 7. Theater on the Trail

It was decided the LAC would like to pursue hosting another performance in October 2023. A new director is needed due to a scheduling conflict. In addition, the LAC would like to host two performances of the play to give actors an additional opportunity to perform.

### 8. Gallery

Digital Dimensions and Cups with a Story exhibits will come down on January 23, and the Heart of Lenexa Show as well as vintage Valentine's cards from Ms. Tuckness's collection will be installed.

In year's past there was not an entry fee to participation in the HeART of Lenexa Show, but the gallery team is recommending a \$10 entry fee for adult and teen age categories and no fee for children in the youngest category (up to 12). It was also recommended that the prize money be more closely aligned with that of the Lenexa Artists Show. The LAC will look at making adjustments from within its existing budget.

**Motion to accept the gallery team's recommendation that a \$10 entry fee be charged for the teen and adult age categories was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Tuckness, and approved 6-0.**

The gallery team met recently to consider whether changes to the award categories should be recommended for the Lenexa Artists Show. The discussion centered on whether there should be separate mediums for Photography and Digital Art. The gallery team agrees with separating the two, but they recommend judging the two mediums in the same awards category, referring to the category as "Photography OR Digital Art."

**Motion to accept the gallery team's recommendation to consider "Photography and Digital Art separate mediums, but be judged in the same category was made by Ms. Tuckness, seconded by Mr. Collins, and approved 6-0.**

## **FEBRUARY MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

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

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Ms. Tuckness expressed a nice shout-out to Ms. Neely for her work with the LAC. She also offered high praise for the Parks Department, and in particular, the beautiful lights during the holidays at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park.

Ms. Wampler recently attended some meetings where she learned that Panasonic anticipates bringing 600 employees from Japan to work in the new plant that will be built here. Ms. Wampler wanted the LAC to be aware of conversations about how to make the new employees feel welcome.

The Lenexa Art Fair artist application process concluded on Friday, January 13. The jury is reviewing the 100 applications now.

Artist Jean Terry was selected as the featured artist for the 2023 Lenexa Art Fair. She has created a beautiful pastel that will be replicated on posters for the event. Her original will become a part of the city public art collection.

Cupid's Gems Artisan Jewelry Show on Saturday, February 4 at the Thompson Barn will include 35 jewelry artists.

Construction is scheduled to begin on March 20 at the Indian Trails Aquatic Center. Parking lots will be among the first things to be under construction, and this will affect the park and some events. If the LAC decides to host another performance by the Kansas City Symphony Music Box, a different location will need to be found for the performance.

Rental kayaks will be offered at Black Hoof Park near the dock, starting in April. This will function along the lines as the e-bicycles.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary