

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 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, Sarah Homan, Cheryl Kimmi, Anne Lawrence-Cherry, Judy Tuckness and Jennifer Wampler.

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 August 15, 2023, minutes was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Tuckness, and approved 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Introduction of New LAC Member – Sarah Homan
Mr. Trott welcomed newly appointed LAC member Sarah Homan. Ms. Homan shared a little information about herself. She is looking forward to being a part of the group.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities
A list of upcoming LAC opportunities for late September through December was passed around for sign-ups.
- B. Programs/Project Updates
 - 1. Public Art – Presentation by Paul Dorrell, Leopold Gallery
The LAC is interested in proposing a kinetic sculpture or series of sculptures at Black Hoof Park, which is second on the city's priority list of locations. Paul Dorrell, owner of Leopold Gallery showed images of some of the installations he has done throughout the country, including information on Lyman's Whitaker's sculptures. The LAC has indicated they believe this type of art would be a good fit for the natural aesthetics of the park. Mr. Wagler reiterated his previous

concern that the Governing Body has indicated their preference for unique art that is not available in neighboring communities and in private yards. Several members indicated their interest in Whitaker's art noting that he is an internationally known artist. Ms. Neely and Ms. Tuckness will work with Mr. Dorrell to create a visual and supporting information for a packet memo for a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

2. Public Art – LOTAC Mural Project

A few members of the LOTAC committee met with the three mural finalists for a site tour and to answer questions about the project. The artists were given a proposal deadline of October 30. Presentations will be scheduled for early November. Community feedback period will be November 8 – January 7, 2024. A recommendation to the Governing Body will follow.

3. Arts Programming Space

Parks and Recreation has been receiving community input about priorities through the Parks and Recreation Master Plan updating process. The LAC and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will hold a joint meeting to view the draft plan and then recommend the plan to the Governing Body.

4. Outdoor Concert Series

The September 17 performance featuring Back Alley Brass Band was a huge success. Turnout was estimated at 550 people, and the feedback was very positive.

5. City Center Live

The first performance will be held Saturday, October 14 and will feature the Mandolin Orchestra of Kansas City. Five of the six performances have been confirmed.

6. Manhattan Short Film Festival

LAC is partnering with Johnson County Library for the event on Thursday, September 28 in the Community Forum.

7. Theater

Since the Theater on the Trail event was canceled this year due to not finding a director, the theater team proposed a new opportunity for a theater performance in December, "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play Full Length Version," adapted by Joe Landry. The play is a readers' theater-style performance. The LAC unanimously supported this program. The Theater on the Trail event budget will be reallocated for this program.

8. Gallery

The Lenexa Artists Show reception was very nice and well attended. The next show to be installed on October 2 is the Heartland Art Guild (2D) and Legler Barn Museum artifacts (3D).

OCTOBER MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Arts and Humanities Month – Ms. Wampler proposes asking the city for a proclamation for Arts & Humanities Month in October.

Peace Poles Community Art Project – Lenexa Rotary Club has committed to supporting an exhibit at Black Hoof Park in 2024. Parks and Recreation will also provide some funding for the exhibit. The exhibit will be a partnership between the Rotary Club, City of Lenexa and Lenexa Arts Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Lawrence-Cherry, and approved 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary