

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 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 6:03 p.m. by Chairperson Dale Trott.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Jess Collins, Sarah Homan, Cheryl Kimmi, Anne Lawrence-Cherry and Judy Tuckness.

Arts Council members absent: Wayne Dothage and Jennifer Wampler.

Staff member present: Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities

A list of upcoming LAC opportunities for late November through February 2024 was passed around for sign-ups.

B. Programs/Project Updates

1. Public Art

a. Public Market Painting/Art Update

Tessa Adcock, Lenexa Public Market Manager, shared an update about plans for painting the four large support beams to liven up the space. The plan is to engage four different local artists to paint the beams in different styles over the course of the next two years. Painting on the first beam is slated to be completed before Thanksgiving. The LAC voiced support for using local artists and indicated that they like using different artists to create a variety of art in the space.

b. LOTAC (Lenexa Old Town Activity Center) Mural

The community is providing feedback through an online survey. The boards will be on display at three locations (City Hill beside the Public Market Kitchen, Community Center and the Rec Center) through January 7. The LOTAC Mural Committee will meet on January 25 to discuss community feedback and prepare the recommendation for the Governing Body.

c. Black Hoof Park Kinetic Sculpture

The LAC is interested in pursuing one or more kinetic sculptures by Lyman Whitaker for Black Hoof Park. Next step is to prepare the packet memo and schedule time for a discussion with the Governing Body.

d. Amusing Breeze

Parks staff discovered damage to the glass mosaic portion of Amusing Breeze. It appears to be vandalism. Staff has been in contact with artist Chris Duh to get guidance on how best to approach the repairs. In the mean time the sphere has been covered so moisture does not cause additional damage.

2. Arts Programming Space

Nothing to discuss until after the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update has been finalized.

3. City Center Live

Marimba Sol de Chiapas on November 11 provided a great performance both entertaining and educational. The next performance is Danielle Ate the Sandwich on December 9.

4. Theater – It's a Wonderful Life-A Live Radio Play

The Meet & Greet went well. The cast and crew were able to get acquainted and did a partial read-through. Rehearsals will begin on December 3 and the show will take place on December 7 in the Community Forum.

5. Gallery

The reception hosted by Gregg Dowdell went well with approximately 40 people in attendance. Mr. Dowdell sold several pieces of his art. The current show comes down on November 27 and the Digital Dimensions (2D) and Vijay Kumar (3D) show will be installed.

6. Peace Poles Community Art Project 2024

The call for artists is currently out. The deadline to apply is January 31.

7. Sponsorships/Grants

Nothing new to report.

JANUARY MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

The December 19 LAC meeting has been canceled. The LAC will attend a joint meeting with the Lenexa Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on Wednesday evening, December 13 beginning at 6pm in the Lenexa Senior Center.

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Arts Council of Johnson County Creative Connections Breakfast will take place on Friday, December 1 at the Arts and Heritage Center. Mayor Boehm is one of three people who will be honored with the new arts advocacy award.

LAC volunteer hours will need to be turned in to Ms. Neely after the first of the year.

Orchestra team will have a wrap-up meeting with Conductor Richard Ryan on December 11 via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary