

## MINUTES AND AGENDAS

### **MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2024, 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, 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**

Ms. Wampler introduced Carol Leligdon who is in attendance at the meeting tonight. Ms. Leligdon has applied for the upcoming opening on the Lenexa Arts Council.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the November 21, 2023, minutes was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Mr. Dothage, and approved 7-0.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Discussion**

The Lenexa Arts Council and Lenexa Parks and Recreation Advisory Board attended a joint meeting on December 13 for a summary of the master planning process and results. The final report is expected in February and will be sent to the LAC prior to the February 20 meeting. Both the LAC and Park Board will be asked to vote to recommend approval of the master plan at their monthly meetings. LAC offered the following comments: the report is very comprehensive and forward looking, it includes ideas for future public art, the opportunity to meet with Park Board was appreciated, and they would like additional opportunities to work together. Mr. Wagler said one of his goals has been to find opportunities for the two boards to work together.

Mr. Collins arrived at 6:05 p.m. to the meeting and Ms. Tuckness at 6:09 p.m. during the master plan discussion.

## OLD BUSINESS

### A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities

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

### B. Programs/Project Updates

#### 1. Public Art

##### a. LOTAC (Lenexa Old Town Activity Center) Mural

The LOTAC mural committee will meet via Zoom on Thursday, January 25 to discuss and formalize its recommendation to the City Council at the February 20 City Council meeting.

##### b. Black Hoof Park Kinetic Sculpture

Also, at the February 20 City Council meeting the LAC will give a presentation providing an overview of the public art policy and funding options, as well as a discussion to gauge the council's interest in pursuing a kinetic sculpture at Black Hoof Park.

##### c. *Amusing Breeze* Update

Ms. Neely is coordinating with artist Chris Duh and the mosaic expert he engaged when creating *Amusing Breeze* to schedule repairs to the piece.

#### 2. Arts Programming Space

According to public input gathered during the master planning process, a new facility dedicated to arts programming is not a top priority in Lenexa at this time. However, the master plan calls for the city to continue to find creative ways to partner with other entities for arts programming.

#### 3. City Center Live

The January 13 performance featuring Amado Espinoza drew an audience of nearly 100 people. The performance was excellent, and the audience clearly enjoyed it. The next two performances will be Shakedown Strings on February 10 and Kansas City Ballet Second Company on March 9. The City Center Live group is meeting to plan fall 2024 and spring 2025 performers.

#### 4. Community Orchestra

The orchestra team met with director, Richard Ryan, to recap the 2023 season and plan for 2024. The concerts will be moved to a Shawnee Mission high school auditorium. Tentative concert and rehearsal dates along with final details are being discussed.

#### 5. Theater Recap - It's a Wonderful Life-A Live Radio Play

Everyone agreed that the community theater performance on December 7 was excellent. There was positive feedback from the community and requests for this to become an annual event. The group is planning to offer "It's a Wonderful Life"

in December 2024 as part of City Center Live. Other live radio plays may be considered in the future.

6. Gallery

The Digital Dimensions and Vijay Kumar art will come down on January 22 and the HeART of Lenexa show will be installed the same day. Nineteen artists entered the HeART show. The reception will be held on February 1. The March show will feature Laurie Colahan abstract, mixed-media paintings and Cynthia Schmidt, ceramics.

7. Peace Poles Community Art Project 2024

The application deadline to apply is January 31. Currently, seven applications have been received. The exhibit will be on display at Black Hoof Park May 1 through September 30, 2024.

8. Sponsorships/Grants

LAC would like to apply for a Martha Lee Cain Tranby grant to support the community orchestra. The application deadline is February 15. Mr. Dothage will reach out to Henderson engineers to request a grant for the 2024 orchestra season also.

## **FEBRUARY MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Please send the February meeting agenda items to Ms. Neely. She will compile the agenda and send it out. In February the 2025 LAC budget will be discussed and at the March meeting elections for chair and vice-chair will be held.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Member Jess Collins has decided not to accept another term once his current term expires in February. The group thanked Mr. Collins for his service on the LAC. Mr. Collins expressed his appreciation for his time on the council, and he thanked the LAC for all they do for the community.

Ms. Wampler thanked everyone for attending the Arts Council of Johnson County annual breakfast in December. The group enjoyed attending.

Ms. Wampler noted that ArtsKC will host a one-day program on March 7 to present new regional arts economic impact data. She also shared that ACJC will host another meeting in February to discuss how the arts community can support the new Panasonic Plant being built in DeSoto.

Anyone interested in the February show at Green Guitar in Old Town should buy your tickets soon before they sell out. Mr. Trott noted they have a successful performing arts program.

Updates from Ms. Neely:

- The estimate to repair art piece *Kuros* is around \$1,000. Ms. Neely will pursue the restoration in the near future. It is possible that the Police Department will be interested in displaying it at the new Justice Center.
- Art piece *Bison* does not require maintenance. Plans are to display it in the second-floor gallery space. New pedestals will need to be purchased for both *Bison* and *Kuros*.
- The small sculpture *Jogger* that is located outside the front doors of the Community Center will need to be relocated once construction begins. Mr. Collins suggested considering a location near the new tunnel under 87<sup>th</sup> Street Parkway leading to Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Behrmann, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 9-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary