

## MINUTES AND AGENDAS

### **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 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 6:05 p.m. by Chairperson Dale Trott.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Wayne Dothage, Cheryl Kimmi, Anne Lawrence-Cherry, Judy Tuckness and Jennifer Wampler.

Arts Council members absent: Jess Collins and Sarah Homan.

Staff member present: Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor.

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

None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the January 16, 2024, minutes was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Tuckness, and approved 7-0.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2025 LAC Budget Discussion

The LAC reviewed the budget document and discussed whether it supports the LAC's goals and priorities. The budget for general LAC programs was increased in 2024 to \$31,050 to support the rising cost for performers and art gallery receptions. Based on current conditions, that budget is sufficient to support general programs. The current budget for the Community Orchestra is \$8,550 which has not increased in past years. During the discussion it was suggested that the LAC request a \$2,000 Community Orchestra increase to support the cost of rental fees for the orchestra concerts.

**Motion to recommend for City Council's consideration the current budget of \$31,050 for general LAC programming was made by Ms. Tuckness, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 7-0.**

**Motion to recommend for City Council's consideration a budget increase of \$2,000, for a total of \$10,550 for the community orchestra was made by Ms. Wampler, seconded by Mr. Dothage, and approved 7-0.**

## OLD BUSINESS

### A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities

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

### B. Programs/Project Updates

#### 1. Public Art

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

The recommendation is tentatively slated for the March 5 city council meeting.

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

This discussion is tentatively scheduled for the March 5 meeting also. Mr. Wagler will present an overview about public art, and Ms. Tuckness will share information about the LAC's idea for a kinetic piece (or pieces) by Lyman Whitaker.

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

Ms. Neely will share photos with the LAC on the damage to *Amusing Breeze*. LAC members provided contact information for a couple local experts who may be able to help or provide guidance on repairing the piece.

##### d. *Kuros*

This piece will be restored and relocated to the new Justice Center.

##### e. *Bison*

This piece will be placed in the second-floor gallery space at City Hall.

##### f. *Windswept*

This piece is being cleaned and prepared for relocation at the Justice Center. Ms. Wampler suggested that the LAC be informed of the schedule when public art pieces are relocated.

##### g. *Jogger*

This piece will need to be relocated in conjunction with reconstruction at the LOTAC facility. One idea is to display it inside the LOTAC facility when construction is finished.

#### 2. City Center Live

The February performance of Shakedown Strings was well attended and enjoyed. The fall 2024 performers have been booked. The fall lineup includes Julie Othmer (singer/songwriter), Lela Barrett (Goldilocks story with a string quartet), and a live radio play.

### 3. Outdoor Concerts

The 2024 schedule has been set.

- May 19 – Old No 5s – KC Blues, rock & roll
- May 26 – The Vincents – Rockabilly. Everything from 50s rockabilly to modern day hits all while performing what they call musical “shenanigans”
- June 2 – Joshua Tree – U2 tribute band
- June 9 – AnnaLee and the Lucky So and Sos – 1930s, 40s, 50s, - heyday of KC style jazz, swing, jump blues
- June 16 – J Love Band – funk, soul
- September 15 – KC Latin Jazz Orchestra with 15-20-minute dance lesson prior to show
- September 22 – Fast Times – 80s tribute band

### 4. Community Orchestra

Concert dates are set (June 29, July 20 and August 10), and the space booked. Volunteer recruitment will begin on March 1. The musician meet & greet has been scheduled for May 22.

### 5. Theater

Plans are to produce a performance of “It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play” as the December performance for City Center Live.

### 6. Gallery

The HeART of Lenexa Show includes wonderful art. The reception on February 1 was well attended. Future gallery shows include:

- Laurie Colahan, Cynthia Schmidt installed February 26 (reception March 7)
- JCDS Emerging Artists, Jerry Lobato installed April 1 (reception April 4)
- Tom Arnhold, Lisa Healey installed April 29 (reception May 2)
- Working with ACJC on plans for Place of Peace show in November

### 7. Peace Poles Community Art Project

The jury committee met recently to review proposals. All proposals were accepted with about 40 poles anticipated. Poles will be picked up by artists on March 6. Finished poles are due by April 17. The exhibit will be on display at Black Hoof Park May 1 - September 30. The International Day of Peace proclamation is being planned for September 17. The Rotary Club will host the auction on November 15. Proceeds will be given to Project 1020 once again.

### 8. Sponsorships/Grants

The application for the Tranby Grant has been submitted. Mr. Dothage is pursuing a Henderson Foundation grant.

## **MARCH MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Please send the March meeting agenda items to Ms. Neely. She will compile the agenda and send it out. Elections for chair and vice-chair will be held at the March meeting along with the master plan approval and public art priority lists of locations.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Upcoming meeting discussions:

- April – LAC gives their annual report to the Governing Body
- Late spring or summer – Parks/City Tour

Eugenia Ortiz will complete her work by February 29 at which time the heart will be transported to the Parade of Hearts.

Ms. Tuckness suggested getting new LAC polo shirts.

Green Guitar series is going well with sell-out crowds.

Randy Cohen with Americans for the Arts will speak about the economic impact study on March 7 (8-9:30am at Union Station and 4-5pm at the Nerman Museum).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary