

MINUTES AND AGENDAS-

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 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 Judy Tuckness.

Arts Council members present: Emily Behrmann, Wayne Dothage, Sarah Homan, Cheryl Kimmi, Anne Lawrence-Cherry, Dale Trott and Jennifer Wampler.

Arts Council member absent: Carol Leligdon.

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 20, 2024, minutes was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Lawrence-Cherry, and approved 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities
A list of upcoming LAC opportunities for late September – November 2024 was passed around for sign-ups.
- B. Programs/Project Updates
 1. Public Art
 - a. *The Jogger* Location Discussion
The group viewed four potential locations at the Lenexa Old Town Activity Center campus for the placement of *The Jogger*. Staff worked with the architect to identify four potential locations. The group agreed unanimously to support staff's recommendation which will be in the outdoor public seating area near the pickleball courts. A pedestal will be built for displaying the piece.

- b. *Amusing Breeze*
Staff is working with artist Chris Duh to provide access to the sphere so he can apply rubber coating. He expects to have a cost proposal to review in the next week or two.
 - c. *Bison*
The tip of the *Bison*'s horn has been repaired and is ready to install once the pedestal is created. The plan is to display *Bison* in the second-floor space at City Hall.
 - d. Mural
Plans are for Doodle Dood to begin painting in late October or early November, once the outdoor wall surface is ready.
 - e. Plaques and Signage
Ms. Neely is working on plaques for *Windswept*, the mural, *Bison and Kuros*. The group discussed the possibility of adding a QR code on the plaque to direct people to the public art page of the city website.
2. Outdoor Concert Series
About 250 people attended the September 15 concert. The band, Kansas City Latin Jazz Orchestra, was very entertaining. The final concert will be held on September 22 and will feature Fast Times, an 80s tribute band.
3. Community Orchestra
The music team along with the conductor will hold a wrap-up meeting on October 1. Feedback from the survey sent to the orchestra members was overwhelmingly positive. Members are extremely satisfied with Richard Ryan as the conductor, changing the concert venue to Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, and they appreciate the challenging repertoire and opportunity to play with other talented musicians. The orchestra team is interested in pursuing a commissioned piece to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the orchestra in 2026.
4. Theater
The license for "It's a Wonderful Life-A Live Radio Play" has been secured on December 14 and 15. The Saturday evening performance is the December City Center live performance. The Sunday matinee is being added in response to community feedback. Most of the actors from the 2023 show have committed to the 2024 shows.
5. City Center Live
The next performance will be Julia Othmer on October 12 and Leia Barrett with her adaption of Goldilocks and the Three Bears with a string quartet on November 9.

6. Gallery
The Lenexa Artists' Show exhibit features excellent art. The reception was well attended. The October show will feature Creative Cloth quilt group and Linda Jurkiewicz who creates fabric dolls. The reception will be held on October 3. The November show will be the Place of Peace Veterans' Art Exhibit. The reception will be held on November 7. Digital Dimensions and Bill Nicks (Sunflower Collection) will display in December-January. The gallery team will meet soon to plan the remainder of 2025.
7. Peace Poles Community Art Project
The exhibit at Black Hoof Park will be on display until September 30. Artists will pick up their poles for maintenance/touch-ups on October 7 and return on November 4. The auction, which will be organized and run by the Lenexa Rotary Club, will take place on November 15. All poles will be displayed at City Hall for about a week prior to the auction.
8. Literary Arts
Ms. Kimmi is coordinating with the literary arts team to discuss future ideas.
9. Sponsorships/Grants
The final report was sent to the Martha Lee Cain Tranby Music Enrichment Fund grant. A new sponsorship from MSI Surfaces for the Outdoor Concert Series was also received.
10. United States' 250th Anniversary program ideas
The LAC is interested in pursuing a special program in July 2026 in celebration of the country's semiquincentennial. The group discussed several ideas. The LAC is also interested in participating in potential discussions/plans for events or activities in conjunction with the World Cup, which will be hosted in the Kansas City area during the summer of 2026. There is a group called Pitch Lenexa, which is being formed to identify opportunities in Lenexa.
10. KC Symphony Music Box Performance
The performance is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 18 at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park.

OCTOBER MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Neely will compile the October meeting agenda and send it out.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary