

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 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 6:02 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

The following two high school students from Shawnee Mission West attended the meeting as part of the requirements for their government class: Kimi Capule and Sabina Gambill.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the September 19, 2023, minutes was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Tuckness, and approved 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities

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

B. Programs/Project Updates

1. Public Art

a. Black Hoof Park Sculptures

Paul Dorrell of Leopold Gallery met with Ms. Tuckness and Ms. Neely at Black Hoof Park to determine a possible location for kinetic art sculpture(s). Mr. Dorrell's recommendation is along Monticello Road, south of the parking lot with the boat ramp. He provided mockups showing two different large-scale pieces and a mockup showing an arrangement of three smaller pieces at that site. Next step will be to schedule time on a Committee of the Whole

agenda to gauge City Council's interest.

b. LOTAC Mural

A meeting for the mural finalists to present their proposals has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 1 at the Senior Center. Presentation times are 6 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. After the presentations, the public will be able to view the maquettes for brief periods of time at the Public Market, Community Center and Rec Center and vote online for their favorite design. The voting period will take place November 8 – January 7.

2. Arts Programming Space

The updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be shared with the LAC and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at a joint meeting on December 13.

3. Outdoor Concert Series Recap

The final concert in this year's series featured Vigil Annie. Attendance was lower than normal, likely due to the overlap of the Chief's game. The schedule for 2024 has been set and the space booked. Dates are: May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, September 15, 22.

4. City Center Live

The first performance for the fall season took place on October 14 and featured the Mandolin Orchestra of Kansas City. The event attracted about 150 people. The next performance will be the Marimba Sol de Chaipas on November 11.

5. Manhattan Short Film Festival Recap

LAC partnered with Johnson County Library for the event, held on Thursday, September 28. Approximately 100 people attended.

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

The Community Forum has been booked for the show on December 7 at 6:30 p.m. City Communications is on board and has started working on promotions. Details are being fine-tuned.

7. Gallery

The current show features a group of artists from the Heartland Art Guild as well as artifacts from the Legler Barn Museum. The next show will feature Tom Altenburg paintings of wildlife and nature as well as Gregg Dowdell's wood charcuterie boards. In December/January, the gallery will feature Digital Dimensions photography and wood bowls and items by Vijay Kumar.

8. Peace Poles Community Art Project 2024

Plans are moving forward for a 2024 exhibit at Black Hoof Park. Rotary Club of Lenexa is partnering with the city for the exhibit, and they will organize the auction afterward. The call for artists will run November through January. The poles will be displayed May through September, and the auction (which has not yet been scheduled) is anticipated to take place in November.

9. Sponsorships/Grants
Nothing new to report.

- C. National Arts & Humanities Month Proclamation Recap
The Proclamation for Arts and Humanities Month was included on the October 3, 2023 City Council Agenda.

NOVEMBER MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Arts Council of Johnson County is relaunching their annual meeting called Creative Connections. The event will take place on December 1 at 8 a.m. at the Johnson County Arts and Heritage Center. The LAC would like to sponsor a table at the event.

Mr. Trott shared that Green Guitar Folk House, which performs at 9400 Pflumm, will feature Sarah Lee Guthrie on October 21 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary