

## MINUTES AND AGENDAS

### **MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 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 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Judy Tuckness.

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

Arts Council member absent: Cheryl Kimmi.

Staff member present: Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor.

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

None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the April 16, 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 May through July was passed around for sign-ups.

##### B. Programs/Project Updates

###### 1. Public Art

###### a. Priority List of Locations

The LAC's recommended list of priority locations for public art was shared with the Governing Body at the May 14 COW meeting. Mayor Sayers indicated her interest in adding the Justice Center to the list for an indoor piece. The LAC discussed adding that request as number 7 to the priority list.

**Motion to approve the modified Public Art Priority List of Locations to include an indoor piece of art at the Justice Center was made by Ms.**

**Behrmann, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 8-0.**

b. *Amusing Breeze*

Artist Chris Duh is working with the city to find a solution for repairing the damaged sphere. The glass mosaic is not a sustainable solution. Mr. Duh suggested a stainless-steel solution that may involve a perforated pattern or colored stainless. Currently, information is being gathered to work on a budget.

c. LOTAC Mural

Parks and Recreation staff will meet with artist Evan Brown next week to fine-tune plans for the community engagement activities: Farmers Market on June 8 and Youth Camp on June 10.

d. *Kuros*

The Conservator is nearly finished with the repairs and said the piece is looking good.

e. *Bison*

The tip of one of the horns was broken off while the piece was kept in storage. The Conservator who is working on *Kuros* will repair *Bison*. The repair is a simple fix.

2. Outdoor Concert Series

The first concert of Season 10 featured the Old No.5s who put on a fun and energetic show.

3. Community Orchestra

The season kicked off with the annual orchestra Meet & Greet on May 22. Conductor Richard Ryan has planned the following repertoire for the season:

Concert 1: June 29

Hovhanness Symphony #2 "Mysterious Mountain"

Mozart Clarinet Concerto, featuring guest soloist John Klinghammer

Rimsky-Korsakov "Russian Easter Overture"

Concert 2: July 20

Shostakovich Symphony #5

Concert 3: August 10

Brahms, "Tragic Overture"

Barber, "Knoxville Summer of 1915" featuring soprano Anna Manns

Bernstein, 3 Dance Episodes from "On the Town"

Schnake, "Stained Glass Musings"

4. Theater

Nothing new to report.

5. Literary Arts

Item tabled until Ms. Kimmi returns.

6. Gallery

The current exhibit featuring Lisa Healey's 2D and 3D works and Tom Arnhold's photography is great. Their reception held on May 2 was well attended. The next exhibit will feature Carol Tinklepaugh, Willa Raybould and Rick Schaff. During months when there is not a 3D artist scheduled, interesting collections will be featured. In June Mr. Dothage will have his Wizard of Oz collection on display.

On May 1 applications for the Place of Peace veterans exhibit kicked off. The LAC has reached out to those on the list of military connections to help spread the word. The group also discussed ideas for promoting the HeART of Lenexa show to young artists and creating a new community art opportunity where participants would create works of art using a paint-by-numbers kit as the basis.

7. Peace Poles Community Art Project

The exhibit was installed in late April for a May 1 official opening. The Peace Pole Stroll and Awards Ceremony has been scheduled for Thursday, July 18 from 7-8 pm. The Rotary's auction will take place on November 15.

8. Sponsorships/Grants

Mr. Dothage submitted the \$2,000 grant request from Henderson Engineers to support the rental music and soloist fees for this year's concerts. There are also two sponsors for the Outdoor Concert Series: Everfast Fiber Networks and Renewal by Andersen.

## **JUNE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Please send June meeting agenda items to Ms. Neely. She will compile the agenda and send it out. Due to schedule conflicts, the art/parks tour previously scheduled for June 18 will be moved to the August 20 monthly meeting.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Danny Huntsinger, Parks Superintendent, said the goats are planned to return in June and September this year. Dates are still being determined.

Ms. Tuckness wanted to acknowledge the LAC by sharing that they have received several comments from staff and the Governing Body about how the LAC is so supportive (in particular, two recent examples – the Art Fair and the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.) Ms. Tuckness also congratulated Ms. Neely for a great job on the Art Fair.

The KC Symphony performance at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park on May 29 will feature a brass quintet with trumpets, horn, trombone and tuba. The performance runs from 6-7pm near the Depot at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park.

The city launched a new website on April 24. Ms. Neely has worked closely with Communications on an upgrade to the art gallery promotions and opportunities for artists to participate, including an improved gallery application process.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary