

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 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 6:07 p.m. by Chairperson Dale Trott.

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

Arts Council member absent: Fabiola Riobe

Staff member present: Susanne Neely, Recreation Supervisor, Logan Wagler, Parks and Recreation Director and Mandy Danler, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the February 20, 2024, minutes was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Behrmann, and approved 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair Positions

Mr. Dothage nominated Judy Tuckness as Chairperson. There were no other nominations.

Motion to approve Judy Tuckness as Chairperson was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Homan, and approved 8-0.

Mr. Dothage nominated Anne Lawrence-Cherry as Vice-Chairperson. There were no other nominations. Since Ms. Tuckness was just approved chair of the Lenexa Arts Council she would like to abstain from voting for the vice-chair.

Motion to approve Anne Lawrence-Cherry as Vice-Chairperson was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Kimmi, and approved 7-0.

B. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Review and Approval

A copy of the completed Parks and Recreation Master Plan was sent to the Arts Council to review before tonight's meeting. Ms. Danler and Mr. Wagler shared a brief summary of the updated plan.

Motion for approval to recommend acceptance of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to the Governing Body was made by Ms. Kimmi, seconded by Ms. Wampler, and approved 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Calendar Review – Volunteer Opportunities

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

B. Programs/Project Updates

1. Public Art

a. Priority List of Locations

The LAC reviewed the current priority list (approved by the Governing Body in 2023) and determined that the list meets LAC goals. The LAC noted the following:

- Continue to focus on new art in Zone 3, which is developing rapidly. Mr. Wagler shared there may be some good opportunities for public art along Canyon Creek Boulevard, near Cedar Station Park (Cedar Station Park was added to the list in 2023).
- Since the mural project in Old Town will be completed in 2024, that location could be removed from the list.
- It was suggested that the Justice Center be removed from the list for now since pieces *Windswept* and *Kuros* are being relocated to that facility.
- New opportunities for public art will be possible at Ad Astra Pool/Park when it is renovated in 2025. Incorporating public art into public projects when appropriate was noted as a priority in the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

A draft of the recommended priority list of locations will be brought to the LAC meeting in April. The LAC intends to take its recommendation to the City Council in May. The LAC plans to schedule a tour of parks and potential art sites during one of its monthly meetings this summer to look more specifically at potential spaces within the broader list of priority locations.

b. *Kuros* and *Bison*

Kuros is slated to be relocated to the new Justice Center after it has been restored. *Bison* will be relocated to the second-floor lobby space at City Hall.

c. *Amusing Breeze* Repairs

It has been decided to handle repairs in-house. Staff is capable of handling the repairs appropriately. The goal is to have the repairs completed by the

time the pool opens.

d. *Windswept*

This piece has been cleaned and waxed and is ready for installation at the new Justice Center when the project is ready for the piece. The LAC is interested in holding a re-dedication ceremony for the piece.

e. Black Hoof Park

The Governing Body expressed reservations about a Lyman Whitaker piece at Black Hoof Park: however, the LAC does not believe it has clear direction from the Governing Body about preferences for public art in the park. Discussion was held regarding next steps, and it was suggested engaging a consultant might be a good idea.

2. City Center Live

The KC Ballet performance drew a record audience. Space capacity was reached, and a number of people left when they couldn't get a seat. As the series continues to gain in popularity, options need to be addressed.

The LAC would like to produce a community theater performance of "It's a Wonderful Life-A Live Radio Play" again. The LAC plans to produce the performance as a part of City Center Live with two performances offered.

3. Outdoor Concert Series

The first performance in May is all set.

4. Community Orchestra

An additional performance that will involve multiple small ensembles at City Center is being discussed for the 2025 season.

5. Gallery

The current show featuring Laurie Colahan and Cynthia Schmidt has been very well received. The reception drew 70-80 people. The next show will feature JCDS Emerging Artists (2D) and Jerry Lobato (3D bronze sculptures).

6. Peace Poles Community Art Project

Artists are working on their poles. At the Lenexa Art Fair there will be a blank pole for children and families to participate in painting the pole, which will be added to the exhibit at Black Hoof Park.

7. Sponsorships/Grants

Mr. Dothage is following up on a grant opportunity with Henderson Engineers.

APRIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

The group thanked Mr. Trott for his two years of service as the LAC chair.

Arts Council of Johnson County is looking for additional volunteers for the Shooting Stars Gala on April 7.

Eugenia Ortiz, the artist who created her heart for the Parade of Hearts at City Hall, finished the sculpture and it was delivered to Parade of Hearts on March 15. The exhibit will be on display throughout the metro mid-April through August.

Missoula Theatre will be held July 15-20 with performances on July 19 and 20. The show will be Robinhood.

Ms. Wampler shared the ACJC would like to share results from the economic impact study with the City Council in the near future.

Mr. Trott left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Ms. Lawrence-Cherry left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Dothage, seconded by Ms. Behrmann, and approved 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary