



CULTURAL COMMISSION

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Cultural Commission
Action Letter
April 16, 2025

1. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Eames called the April 16, 2025 Cultural Commission to order at 6:08 p.m. in the Strother Conference room at 220 SE Green St., Lee's Summit, MO 64063.

2. **Roll Call**

Members Present

Chair Eames
Commissioner Chubbock
Commissioner Thill
Commissioner Taylor
Commissioner Hennequin
Commissioner Townsend
Commissioner Gale
Commissioner Keshner
Commissioner Flowers
Commissioner Spangler
Commissioner Forton

Absent

Commissioner Soucie
Commissioner Smith

Staff

Christal Weber
Silvia Arellano Fernandez
Shannon McGuire
Lisa Azimi

3. **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thill, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the agenda as published. The motion carried by the following vote.

4. **Approval of the April Action Letter**

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Chubbock to approve the March 19, 2025 Action Letter. The motion carried by a 11 to 0 vote (Commissioner Soucie and Smith absent).

5. **Public Comments** None

6. **Review and discuss List of "Takeaways" from March Discussion of Lee's Summit History Museum**

Chair Eames thanked all those able to come out to the History Museum in March to talk through all the museum has accomplished in the last 10 years. Staff put together a handout with some



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points from the meeting. Ideas for assistance with museum volunteers and generating foot traffic were discussed. Suggestions included using City Hall and other City spaces for a travelling exhibit, booths at events such as Downtown Days, having an open call for volunteers, incorporating a partnership with the high schools for students needing community service hours, volunteers from John Knox for the museum through the “Get Connected” program, “antiques roadshow”, sponsor artifacts “garage sale”, scavenger hunts, etc. It was suggested we share info with museum on the book scanner in the public library in downtown Kansas City to assist with archiving efforts. The HRTM program and marketing program at LS North and LSHS could be a resource to help the museum with social media outreach. Chair Eames said that the ideas can be talked about during the Committee meetings.

7. Committee and Task Force Reports:

- a. Earth Month Task Force Report – This Saturday – Stream Team.
 - i. Flyers for Earth Month Activities were given to the Commission members to hand out. Information was shared about participation and registration for Sweep the Summit activities and encouraged them to coordinate efforts in their own neighborhoods.

8. Roundtable

- a. Update on Pollinator Habitat Project with Master Gardeners- Soil testing is done and at the State lab. Parks and Recreation will provide soil amendments and the planting schedule will be shared with the Commission. Plants have been purchased. Staff will work on some interpretation and engagement for the site. Commission recommended adding a QR code on the signs. Our audio tour app can be used to create scavenger hunts or app-based interpretations. The Master Gardeners will do the maintenance and share the schedule for those who want to help. The Master Gardeners are donating plants for the May Art Walk planting activity.
- b. Update on Public Art – Ms. Fernandez asked the group for 5 icons or historical images that are recognizable to put in the murals. She will meet with the artist about the icon ideas for the garage mural. She shared the visual illustration for the outside of the building from Scribe to get approval.

A motion to accept outdoor digital mural artwork from Scribe was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Keshner. All were in favor. The Scribe’s “Everything Changes with a Dream” sculpture will be installed closer to opening day. Doodle Dude’s mural will be done closer to opening day as well. She also announced that a Canine monument is being commissioned for the South Substation. Four artists have been selected to come up with concepts to be discussed in May.

Ms. Weber gave a Microsoft Teams Follow-up. Some are still having trouble getting into Microsoft Teams. Reach out to Christal or Lisa to get the invitation once again. It is convenient to view work in the shared documents.



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LS Creates reached out to the Commission and Chair Eames and Ms. Weber met with them. They were excited to talk about ideas for collaboration such as exploring future cultural and performing arts facilities. This aligns with Commissions workplan on updating master plan, etc.

9. Adjourn Commission Meeting 7:18 p.m.

10. Break into Committees for Brief Meetings

Commission members that had selected to be on the Preservation and Public Education Committees met to develop the next steps and planning to bring back to the next Cultural Commission meeting.

11. Adjourn Committees