



CULTURAL COMMISSION

LEE'S SUMMIT

Cultural Commission
Action Letter
September 17, 2025

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Eames called the September 17, 2025 Cultural Commission to order at 6:19 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Chair Eames
Commissioner S. Smith
Commissioner Thill
Commissioner Forton
Commissioner Townsend
Commissioner Flowers
Commissioner Keshner
Commissioner Soucie
Commissioner Taylor
Commissioner J. Smith

Staff

Silvia Arellano Fernandez
Christal Weber
Adair Bright
Cindy DeShazo

Absent

Commissioner Chubbuck
Commissioner Gale
Commissioner Spangler
Commissioner Townsend

3. Public Comments None

4. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Keshner to approve the agenda as published. The motion carried by a 10 to 0 vote. (Commissioners Gale, Spangler, Chubbuck, and Townsend absent).

5. Approval of the August 27, 2025 Action Letter

A motion was made by Commissioner Thill, seconded by Commissioner Keshner to approve the August 27, 2025 Action Letter. The motion carried by a 10 to 0 vote. (Commissioners Gale, Spangler, Chubbuck, and Townsend absent).

6. Partnership follow-up discussion – Summit Art presentation

Ms. Weber gave an update that staff does wish to move forward and partner with Downtown Lee's Summit and Summit Art for events. The Commission is supportive of partnering with other organizations for Good Neighbor Week in October.

Calls for art are listed through Cultural Arts social media, Call For Artist (CAFÉ), and the Arts & Culture newsletter. LS Creates, universities, local high schools, ArtKC.



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7. Committee and Task Force Reports

- a. **Preservation Committee** – Commissioner S. Smith shared that they recently met to develop a workplan and shared an event coming up Sept. 21, the speaking engagement w/Dorinda Nicholson, reach out to schools - partner is LSR7. Childhood survivor of Pearl Harbor, written books. Event is at Green St. 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Brainstorming other events a mock excavation with real bones, tools, displays, for children. Sept. is MO Archeology Month and Oct. is National one. Commissioners are in support of this.
- b. **Public Education and Engagement** – Public Art Walk – a few weeks ago, Chair Eames presented Good Neighbor Week is last week of Sept. thru Oct. 4. To host a downtown clean up, City would pick that up, will be more information volunteers can organize and apply on a link on website. Promote this w/posters, City website, social media for Arts & Culture, RecycleFest is also. Chair Eames encouraged the Commission to participate.

Also public art walk was discussed during the above subcommittee meeting. To curate what is around downtown LS. Group would like to plan an event with staff in November. Lastly was a coloring book being shared through Creative Services via the city website to take place during Good Neighbor Week. Colored pages can be submitted via email, drop at City Hall, post photos to social media and tag the City, and via city website.

8. Old Business

9. Roundtable

- a. Bloomberg Connect – Ms. Fernandez is currently working on the online system.
- b. Good Neighbor Week – September 28th through October 4th.
- c. WWII Project w/R7
- d. Update on Public Art – Ms. Fernandez is working with the Parks Department on the mural at Pleasant Lea Park. The live painting from the Green Street Opening is being finished by the artist and will be hung in the market building. The Sculpture Walk has a call out for artists. Commissioners can even submit works. Funding is available for another piece of public art in conjunction with the history museum with staff asking Commissioners to consider this. The Commissioners would like more information but are open to this. A subcommittee can work with staff and would be a possible goal for 2026.
- e. Update on Programming – Dates to point out are the Critter Chat on 9/18, the WWII event on September 21st, a Book Club, a Neon Nights walking tour of Downtown Lee's Summit, and the Mayor's Tree Lighting. A 45 foot tree will be near Green Street Market building. A request was received for a call for a children's event during the Mayor's Tree Lighting from this Commission. Events will be in the new building such as Christmas tree ornaments by Commissioners.



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Ms. Weber displayed potential t-shirt design ideas for the Commission.

10. Adjourn Commission Meeting 7:28 p.m.