

Lee's Summit Arts Council
Monday, February 25, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Strother Conference Room
220 SE Green Street

I. Call to Order. Nick called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

II. Roll Call. Members present: John Schuler, Nick Parker, Bob Jones, John Hardesty, Erik Crew, Jeannine Akins, Jody Fristoe, Christina Phillips, Gary Fruits (by phone). Members absent: Jane Bolin, Jonathan Kitchen, Melissa Garris. Staff present: Glenda Masters, Cultural Arts Manager. City Council Liaison Fred DeMoro absent.

John Hardesty was introduced as a new member to the Arts Council.

III. Approval of Minutes. John Schuler moved to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2018 meeting. Jeannine Akins seconded the motion. Motion carried. January's meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. No minutes to approve.

IV. Committee Reports

Budget Committee. Glenda reviewed current spending in addition to budget projections for the remainder of FY19. The only major change to current spending is that Glenda will be attending the Main Street Conference instead of Americans for the Arts and MACAA. The State of the Arts event did cost more than projected and the new costs will be added to next year's budget.

Advocacy Committee. Nick reported the need to create messaging calendar for social media.

Public Art Committee. Glenda reviewed the City's new cultural arts website and online forms. Committee is recruiting non-Arts Council members to be on the public art committee. To help promote public art Glenda created an Instagram and Pinterest account for LSAC. We will be using #ArtsLS when possible on posts. The city is also interested in starting a temporary sculpture program with Downtown Lee's Summit.

VI. Cultural Arts Manager Report. Glenda shared information about the Best of Missouri Hands Social Media Workshop, April 13 from 9 – 4. In May there will be a Creative Conversation with Summit Theater Group (Ben Martin) on the theme of better connecting with schools. Glenda has been working with Parks and Rec to utilize some of their space for teaching cultural classes. Suggestions were made for people to reach out to who might be interested in teaching as well as recommendations for offering intergenerational classes. IT created an online form for artists to apply to display artwork in City Hall.

VII. Old Business. Glenda needs to finalize application details for the 2020 grant cycle. New guidelines and format will be available in April. Application deadline will remain the same for

this year. Next year it will be adjusted to align the grant cycle with the budget cycle. Glenda will contact current grant recipients to let them know changes are coming

VIII. New Business. New grant requests came in from Downtown Lee's Summit and Summer Singers of Lee's Summit. The council discussed the importance of asking applicants to include a budget plan for how funds will be spend in future grant cycles. The Arts Council voted to approve the grants as follows:

Downtown LS – Music in the Park \$500. Bob Jones moved to approve. Jeannine Akins seconded the motion. Motion approved (Nick Parker abstained).

Downtown LS – Mesner Puppet Theater Show for Art Walk \$500. Jeannine Akins moved to approve. Bob Jones seconded the motion. Motion approved (Nick Parker abstained).

Summer Singers of Lee's Summit – August Concert \$1,000. Grant will fund musicians for the concert. Jody Fristoe moved to approve. Jeannine Akins seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

Cultural Arts Planning. Report of meeting between Arts Council and City Leadership. Nick discussed the conversation he, Glenda, and Jane had with City management regarding the arts and LSAC goals and priorities. Discuss turning our Cultural Arts Plan into an Action Plan to help move recommendations forward. Glenda is working on a cultural asset map and an arts economic impact study for LS.

Arts Council Goals/Initiatives for 2019 Discussion. Nick asked the members to bring ideas to the next meeting. Glenda shared the City's LSignite website that is bring used for the Strategic Plan.

IX. Open Council Discussion. Jonathan Kitchen needs to resign due to other commitments. The Arts Council accepted his resignation.

Adjournment. Nick adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Next Arts Council meeting March 25, 6:30pm Strother Conference Room