

**Lee's Summit Arts Council**  
**May 29, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to Order.** Jane called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

**II. Roll Call.** Members Present - John Hardesty, Jody Fristoe, John Schuler, Gary Fruits, Jane Bollin, Erik Crew, Christina Phillips, and Bob Jones. Members absent: Nick Parker and Jeanine Akins. Staff present: Glenda Masters Cultural Arts Manager.

**III. Approval of Minutes from March 25.** There was no April meeting. Gary Fruits moved, seconded by Erik Crew, to approve the minutes from March 25 as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**IV. Committee Reports.**

**Budget Committee.** Glenda presented the Year-to-Date Cultural Arts Division budget. There is \$1,000 remaining the Arts Council grant fund for this FY. The FY2020 budget has not yet been approved by City Council. That is expected to happen in June. Glenda explained that Beautification Commission has been moved to the Cultural Arts budget from Parks and Recreation.

**Public Art Committee.** Erik shared that the committee met just prior to the regular Arts Council meeting. The committee discussed how to engage the several community individuals who have expressed an interest in participating in the development of public art. The committee wants to hold a stakeholder planning meeting to brainstorm ideas and direction for public art. A discussion came up about locations where public art would be located. A question was raised about who is responsible for maintenance of public art. Glenda will find out.

**State of the Arts Committee.** The event is being planned for the Stanley's Aspen Room on October 16 from 5:30-7:30pm. The format of the event will be reception style with a short program. The idea of creating a Champion of the Arts or a Legacy award to present at the event was discussed. Glenda will be taking nomination of potential candidates. It was also noted that an emerging artist award might be a good addition as well. Event will also include announcing grant recipients and possibly some type of performance.

**Nomination Committee.** Bob and Jane will have a report next month.

**V. Old Business.** Jen Steller and Brenda Harris have filed to be on the Arts Council. We are waiting for the official appointment by the Mayor.

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**Arts Council Grant Applications.** The Arts Council reviewed grants applications from both the Lee's Summit Historical Society and Storybook Theatre. Both applications request \$1,000 each. A motion was made to decline the Historical Society application request. The motion was second by Christina Phillips and the motion carried unanimous. Key issues for declination pertained to not having sufficient information regarding the implementation of the project. Glenda will invite them to reapply as part of the 2019 grant cycle where they can provide additional project details. Bob Jones made the motion to deny the grant application request from Storybook Theatre. Gary Fruits seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimous.

**Public Art Grant.** The line item for grants has not changed for FY2020 and some funding can be directed to small public art projects if the Arts Council would like to do so. There is also \$1,500 in the Cultural Arts FY20 budget allocated to this as well. It was recommended that Glenda create a grant application for this to test out the idea.

**Beautification Commission.** Glenda updated the Arts Council on the transition of Beautification Commission to Cultural Arts from Parks and Recreation. This will be a similar to what took place for the Arts Council's transition.

**VII. Open Council Discussion.** Glenda noted that the LS Got Talent event is this Saturday at LSHS and there are four complimentary tickets available if anyone would like to go. There is also still a need to have someone work the Arts Council's booth at Downtown Lee's Summit for the Friday afternoon and Saturday Night shifts.

**VIII. Adjournment.** Jane adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm. The next meeting will be June 24 at 6:30pm.