

Lee's Summit Arts Council
July 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order. Nick called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call. Members Present: Nick Parker, Bob Jones, John Hardesty, Jody Fristoe, John Schuler, Gary Fruits, Erik Crew, Brenda Harris, Jen Steller, Jeannine Akins Absent: Jane Bolin, Christina Phillips, Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez

Approval of Minutes. Bob Jones made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 24 meeting. Motion seconded by Nick Parker and passed unanimously.

Introduction of Members: Each member offered short remarks and introduction for the new members joining the Council.

Budget Committee. There were no changes to the Arts Council budget since the last meeting. The budget committee will review the incoming Cultural Arts Grant application and create a slate of funding recommendations. That slate will be presented at the August meeting for a vote of approval. Nick Parker requested that Glenda create a budget that only shows Arts Council expenses so that it is not confused with the Cultural Arts and Beautification budgets.

Public Art Committee. It was suggested that the council pick a small project and move forward with implementation. Bob's daughter, lives in Carbondale, CO and is on the Carbondale Arts Commission, has offered to provide assistance in regards to public art and murals. Possibly as a cultural "sister city" initiative. The council agreed that murals are some of the more challenging public art projects to implement and therefore is not considered a place to start. Glenda will meet with Downtown LS Main Street next week to discuss the development of a sculpture walk and identify locations throughout Downtown for temporary sculptures.

Advocacy Committee. Nick asked this committee review the slate of names recommended for recognition at the State of the Arts Event on Oct. 16 event. Glenda will send the committee the current list to consider at their next meeting. The recommendation process is open until then.

New Business. The council discussed scheduling a strategic planning session to review the mission and create goals for the next year. A tentative date of September 21, 8:30-11:30 am in Strother Conference Room was set. Glenda will send a meeting request to hold the date on everyone's calendar. John Schuler will facilitate the meeting.

Open Council Discussion. Glenda noted that there were several upcoming cultural events where help is needed to collect surveys for the Arts Economic Impact Study. She will send out a list of upcoming events and ask for volunteers. This is Erik's last meeting and he gave his 'goodbye'. Glenda reported that Mayor Pro Tem Lopez had a conflict with tonight's meeting but plans to be at the August meeting and is looking forward to being a part of the group. Glenda also noted that the Art Walk is this coming Friday, July 26 and City Hall will have an artist reception for Barb Byrne, glass art. Saturday, August 3 is Community Art Day where the public is invited to come to the City Hall Plaza and paint kindness rocks. Mid-Continent Public Library is going to be there to do Story Time.

Nick adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Next meeting is Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m.