

Lee's Summit Arts Council

January 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – Nick called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Members present – Nick Parker, Brenda Harris, Jeannine Akins, Bob Jones, Jane Bolin, Jody Fristoe, John Hardesty

Members absent – Gary Fruits, John Schuler, Jen Stellar, Christina Phillips

Approval of September minutes – Jeannine Akins moved to approve the minutes from the Sept. 23, 2019 meeting. Jane Bolin seconded the motion which was passed unanimously. October's meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum (however, an informal discussion of various topics was held) November's meeting was cancelled due to many members being away from the city for the Thanksgiving holidays. December's meeting cancelled in lieu of a holiday party.

Budget Review - No changes to the budget at this time.

New Business – Bob Jones indicated that the Budget Committee is currently completing their review of all grant applications and will make its recommendations for recipients at the Feb. meeting. There were thirteen applicants (12 of which were qualified), and three of these were new to the process. \$25,000 is the total being requested by the perspective grantees. It is anticipated that a funding request of p to \$16,000 will be included in the Cultural Arts FY21 Budget request.

Old Business - We are one week away from the "Call" deadline for artist applications to be part of our Downtown Sculpture Walk. To date there have been 22 artists apply for the six spots available. Locations will be throughout Downtown. The plan is to have the six selections installed by April with an artists' reception to held as the "launch". There is no height restriction on these sculptures, but they must fit on the 4 X 4 concrete pads which will be installed soon. The Downtown CID has contributed \$10,000 to the Arts Council for this project which should cover the cost of the pads as well as the artists' stipends. These six installations will remain in place for one year and will be available for sale to the public. In conjunction with the project, there will be a mobile audio guide which has location pins for each sculpture and comments from each artist. In the near future, our plan is to add all public art in Lee's Summit and Historical Society landmarks, too. Glenda has applied for a grant of \$8,000 from the Industrial Development Authority to be used for the purchase of a piece of art which can be moved from place to place within the City.

Roundtable –

The LS Arts Council will join the corresponding group from Lenexa at a meeting in the near future to promote the arts in both our communities.

Please check out the new LS Jazz Orchestra on Facebook.

Jane indicated that the "voice" of the recently-formed C4 Committee is being heard.

In addition to her focus on the Sculpture Walk, Glenda has also met with the Fine Arts Chmn. of the LS R-7 schools with regard to the creation of an annual student art show. She is also attempting to create a relationship with the LS Parks & Recreation Dept. to coordinate spaces for art classes, as well as meeting with the Historical Society regarding next year's MO Bicentennial.

Nick suggested the possibility of establishing a student film festival and he is celebrating the 300th episode of his well-regarded pod cast.

The City Council has recently appointed a twelfth member of the Arts Council, Jennifer De Luca with KC Studio magazine.

Adjournment – Nick adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.