

Lee's Summit Arts Council

October 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – Nick called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Members present – Nick Parker, Jane Bolin, Jazz Rucker, Jeannine Akins, Jody Fristoe, John Hardesty, John Schuler, Kemp Strickler, Brenda Harris. Members absent – Christina Phillips, Jennifer de Luca, Jen Steller.

Approval of September Minutes – Kemp Strickler moved to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2020 meeting. Jeannine Akins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Budget Review - The only change subsequent to last month's review is that all grant funding for this year has been fully distributed.

Arts & Culture Week Debrief – Glenda Masters shared that her desire was to have 10 events on the calendar and that she was pleased with the success, given the current conditions. New relationships have begun with Summit Fair shopping center with art in storefronts, MU's visual arts school. Two organizations outside Lee's Summit (KC Baroque and Lyric Opera) have expressed interest in being a part of next year's celebration. Glenda indicated that it is not possible to follow up with these "outside" groups at this time and stated that her plan is to begin the planning of next year's event this coming Spring. She has also created a photo album of this year's event on Facebook.

Jody Fristoe mentioned her appreciation of the 10 people who came to the event sponsored at Summit Art, and Glenda said that LS Symphony had approximately 50 attendees at their Howard Station concert. Glenda also mentioned that ELGL has commended the Arts Council and community for the creation of Arts & Culture Week.

New Business –

- a. Nick Parker indicated that we will discuss our participation in the upcoming Bicentennial celebration at next month's meeting
- b. Nick recommended that our focus currently should be on 1) the Grant process, 2) forming a group to study Arts/Culture Week, and 3) our Annual Arts Event, which he feels should be in Spring rather than fall in order not to conflict with Arts/Culture Week, giving both events 'space' to be more successfully embraced by the community.

With regard to revamping the budget process, it was noted that the current budget committee had developed a rubric in order to rank grant applicants (resulting in scoring). Glenda added that she is looking for objective rather than subjective feedback. She will be asking City attorneys how to get funding to grantees faster as she also endeavors to streamline the public art process. Her desire is use Dec. 31 as the deadline for applications from the artists, and she shared that our CID has invited us to display 10 sculptures, rather than the 6 which are now on display. We will investigate possible locations for these additional sculptures. Jane Bolin suggested adding an item in the artists' contract regarding maintenance of current sculptures.

- c. New committee assignments include the following: Advocacy – Nick Parker, Brenda Harris, Jeannine Akins, Jennifer de Luca; Budget – John Schuler, Kemp Strickler, Nick Parker; Public Art – Jane Bolin, Jody Fristoe, Jazz Rucker, John Hardesty.

Old Business – Update of Green Street Project

Glenda says that the City is now ready to begin the review process to choose the Master Developer for this project around Nov. 10.

The question of having a mobile stage vs. a permanent one has arisen, and John Schuler suggested asking schools and various other performing arts groups for their input. Jane Bolin asked about the possibility of including this question on the City's Pulse Survey.

Jeannine Akins posed the question of how hanging art will be displayed on various walls in the space. It was agreed that Mayor Baird's presentation was basic and that design details will probably undergo various changes during construction.

Adjournment – After noting that our next scheduled Council meeting is November 30, 2020, Nick adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully,
John Hardesty
LSAC Secretary