

## Lee's Summit Arts Council

### November 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

**Approval of September Minutes** – Christina Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2020 meeting. Jennifer de Luca seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

**Budget Review** - All grant funding for this year has been fully distributed, and that is the only part of the budget that has been.

### **New Business –**

A discussion of our participation in the upcoming Missouri Bicentennial 2021 celebration:

Jeannine Akins suggested the possibility of getting Lee's Summit on the Bicentennial Quilt Tour and/or the 2021 Photographic Tour, as well as creating a book of "Lee's Summit – Then and Now", and the possibility of creating a small mural on one of the downtown buildings.

Christina Phillips posited creating a historically inspired arts related contest for artists, possible murals, inviting community-sourced pieces of art (like individual tiles), and a scavenger hunt (with prizes) based on historical trivia.

Possible sources of assistance with these ideas would be the LS Historical Society, local schools, the LS Parks & Recreation Dept., and photographic groups from Summit Art and MCC.

Jazz Rucker said that if the schools are involved, Fourth Grade classes are the point at which Missouri history is taught and that those students could be a great contribution to our projects. Nick Parker suggested the idea of doing an art contest via Instagram.

John Schuler asked how we can choose areas outside of downtown LS where art can be created, and Glenda Masters responded that it could depend on what theme we are trying to create and the time of year involved. She is creating an exhibit for Black History month in February and wants ideas for other exhibits at places like Longview Farm and Unity Village. She's looking for perhaps 15-20 locations, like various parks, in which to create these venues.

Jeannine Akins, Christina Phillips, and Brenda Harris's subcommittee will research this subject and report back to the Council in January.

### **Old Business –**

- a. Glenda reports that the new grant cycle application period is now open, with Jan. 8 being the deadline for submission. She has reached out to at least five organizations to determine if that

deadline works, or if we should push that date into April. After some discussion, a motion was made by Jane Bolin and seconded by Jazz Rucker to officially extend the grant submission deadline to April 9. This was approved unanimously.

Nick Parker indicated that in view of the Covid-19 situation, we should not increase our budget estimates at this time.

- b. The 2021 Sculpture Walk call is now active. This will be expanded from last year, as the Downtown CID has approved a grant of \$1,000 per artist for 10 pieces, rather than the previous 6.

The CID has also allotted \$7,000 for the purchase of one of the current sculptures, and the LS Industrial Development Authority has contributed an additional \$5,000 to that purchase. The Public Art Committee has been assigned the job of choosing which of the six existing sculptures will be purchased to become a permanent part of the community's public art landscape.

Jane Bolin reported that her group of the City's Ignite project is fully on-board with creating a mural or other art on the walls of the garage portion of the new apartments being built at Douglas and Second streets downtown.

**Adjournment** – The December Council meeting is being cancelled due to the holidays. After noting that our next scheduled Council meeting is January 25, 2021, Nick adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully,  
John Hardesty  
LSAC Secretary