

Lee's Summit Arts Council

January 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – Nick called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Members present – Nick Parker, Jane Bolin, Jazz Rucker, Jeannine Akins, Jennifer de Luca, Jody Fristoe, John Hardesty, John Schuler, Kemp Strickler, Jeff Bertoncin, and Diane Forte, City Council liaison. Members absent – Brenda Harris, Christina Phillips.

Approval of November Minutes – Kemp Strickler moved to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2020 meeting. Jeannine Akins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

New Business –

- a. Jeff Bertoncin was introduced as the newest member of the Board.
- b. The 10 new Sculpture Walk Recommendations were introduced as follows:

| Location | Sculpture Title | Artist's Name | Artist's Location |
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| 3 rd & Green St. (lot) | Silica Rose | Jay Lockett | Kansas City, MO |
| Sabor (pad) | Fire Dancer | Jodie Bliss | Monument, CO |
| City Hall (pad) | Here Comes the Sun | Ben Pierce | Cape Girardeau, MO |
| 4 th & Main (grass) | Metamorphosis | Hilde DeBruyne | Cumming, IA |
| Amtrak Station (grass) | Horse | Vince Houston | Fulton, MO |
| Third Street Social (pad) | Campana Uno | Joe Allred | Hot Spr. Vlg., AR |
| Stanley (pad) | Tango | Bob Heintzelman | The Woodlands, TX |
| Fire Station (pad) | Borbor | Will Vannerson | Kansas City, MO |
| History Museum (pad) | To Bee or Not to Bee | Alex Mendez | Des Moines, IA |
| TBD | Wired | Jack Bordnick | Santa Fe, NM |

The current installations will be removed by the end of March in order to begin installation of the new selections during April, prior to the Art Walk that is scheduled on the 4th Friday of that month. Kemp Strickler suggested inviting the two Kansas City artists to join us for that Art Walk.

c. The CID has allocated \$7,000 and the LS IDA an additional \$5,000 to the City for the purchase of one of the current sculptures in order to start a permanent collection for the City. The piece selected for purchase after the Public Art Committee reviewed the "People's Choice" Survey was the "Raptor", which will likely be added somewhere in the plaza area in front of City Hall.

Old Business –

- a. Advocacy Committee. The committee planned to look into ideas for the Bicentennial, however was unable to meet.
- b. One of the Council's aims is to begin placing public art outside the downtown area. Glenda suggested that sometime soon we create a master plan for permanent and temporary

installations in various areas of town. Jeannine said that having this plan in place would allow us to be ready to move forward when approached to start this process.

- c. Glenda reported that Lee's Summit West High School visual art department installed a store front gallery display at Summit Fair shopping center in vacant store fronts. This type of project is being encouraged by the head of visual arts for the LS schools, so we anticipate that the other two high schools will be creating projects, also.

Roundtable –

Each Council member gave a short 'bio' of themselves in order to introduce ourselves to our new member, Jeff Bertontin.

Adjournment – Our next scheduled meeting is February 23, 2021. Nick adjourned the meeting at 7:24.

Respectfully,
John Hardesty
LSAC Secretary