

## Lee's Summit Arts Council

### May 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** – In Nick Parker's absence, Jeannine Akins called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Members present – Jane Bolin, Jeannine Akins, Jeff Bertoncin, Jennifer de Luca, John Hardesty, and Kemp Strickler. Members absent – Nick Parker, Christina Phillips, Jazz Rucker, Jodie Fristoe, John Schuler
- II. **Approval of January Minutes** – Jane Bolin moved to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2021 meeting. Kemp Strickler seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- III. **Budget Report** – The LSAC Budget has seen no activity since grants were awarded. Before those are distributed, the City Council must approve the entire proposed City budget, which will happen sometime in June. The current year's LSAC budget figures will roll over into the 2022 budget as of July 1.
- IV. **New Business** –
  - a. There was some discussion concerning the Third Street Corridor Planning and Community Input topic. The City of Lee's Summit is designing infrastructure improvements for the Third Street corridor from Blue Parkway to Jefferson Street, a project that was approved by voters with the passage of the 2017 sales tax initiative. The project goals are to enhance safety and improve connectivity, to result in an inviting gateway corridor into historic downtown Lee's Summit. Conceptual plans and exhibits were available for public inspection at a public meeting on April 29, 2021, in City Council Chambers and public input was taken. Public comments will also be accepted online through June 1, 2021. The project is slated to begin in calendar 2023. It was suggested that someone should ask the local Chamber of Commerce and Rotary clubs to start making contributions to public improvement projects in the City, and Arts Council members were encouraged to suggest the addition of public art within the project by commenting on the City's website.
  - b. The Missouri Bicentennial Commission has proposed to several cities in the state the idea of a Bicentennial Ice Cream Social to be sponsored by individual local Historical Societies on August 10. Our Historical Society is planning this event in front of their building and are inviting local food trucks to supply the ice cream, with a proposed purchased voucher that could be redeemed for the ice cream. The LS Historical Museum will be open to the public during this event with a Bicentennial exhibit on view. The LSHS is asking for volunteers to assist them. Glenda suggested the possibility of Cultural Arts co-sponsoring the event and leveraging our advertising strength in raising local awareness.
- V. **Old Business** –

Sculpture Walk Updates - "Wired" was installed today in the train station right-of-way. We are still awaiting the installation of "Metamorphosis" (Blue Butterfly) by June 15. "Tango"

will not be installed near The Stanley due to insurance issues, and Remy (an employee of Fossil Forge, wants to create a replacement piece for that location.

**VI. Roundtable –**

City Manager, Steve Arbo, is scheduled to make a presentation to City Council in June regarding the combining of the Arts Council, the Beautification Commission, and the Historic Preservation Commission into one entity, the Cultural Arts Commission.

Nothing new to report on the Green Street Project.

Jane suggested visiting the website of John Beaudoin and considering supporting some of his ideas about creating activities that will bring the City together again.

Glenda reported that she has had a conversation with a local muralist, Steven Grounds, who is interested in creating something of historical significance in the City (probably downtown) with his work.

**VII. Adjournment** - Our next scheduled meeting is June 28, 2021. Jeannine adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectively,  
John Hardesty  
LSAC Secretary