

Lee's Summit Arts Council

June 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** – Nick Parker called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Members present – Nick Parker, Jeannine Akins, Jennifer de Luca, Jodie Fristoe, John Hardesty, Jazz Rucker, and Kemp Strickler. Members absent – Jeff Bertoncin, Jane Bolin, Christina Phillips, John Schuler
- II. **Approval of January Minutes** – Kemp Strickler moved to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2021 meeting. Jeannine Akins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- III. **Budget Report** – The LSAC Budget has seen no activity since grants were awarded. The current year's LSAC budget figures will roll over into the 2022 budget as of July 1.
- IV. **New Business** –
 - a. Nick indicates that there is movement forward in creating the new 501c3 Board, and he requested Council members to please submit names to him of potential Board members, donors, or future LSAC members.
 - b. He also announced that he will be stepping down from the Board in July and requested that names of suggestions for new officers be sent to him now so that a new slate of officers can be elected at our next meeting.

There is no timeline for the rearranging and combining of various boards and commissions within the City. It is assumed that City Manager, Steve Arbo, will make recommendations for these at the July City Council meeting.
 - c. Nick requested that the Public Art Committee research Public Art Policies in place here and in other communities in order to be certain we have a comprehensive set of policies that will maximize the promotion of the Arts in Lee's Summit, including how to purchase individual pieces of art and have murals created.

Also requested is that the Ad Hoc Committee determine how best to celebrate Arts/Culture week during Oct. 8-17 this year. Glenda has created a good mix of events in prior years and is planning to continue that process.

Once the boards and commissions are merged, we will have a direct line to the City Planning and Development Commission which will benefit both areas above.
- V. **Old Business** –
 - a. "Metamorphosis" (Blue Butterfly) has been installed, and Remy Norton-Hood (an employee of Fossil Forge) has installed his piece, "The Heart of Downtown", at The Stanley. Website map, galleries, and the brochure are all being updated.

Voting for 'favorites' will be done on the Otocast app this year by scanning the QR codes found on each sculpture which will link you with the Website to cast your votes.
 - b. At this time there is little information about the Bicentennial Ice Cream Social slated for Aug. 10 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Applications for permits to close streets and have food trucks present are being submitted, and a request has been made of the LS Symphony to provide music. A number of free vouchers will be provided for people to redeem their ice cream.

VI. Roundtable –

Jodie Fristoe reports that Summit Art is continuing to provide workshops and sponsor the Plein Air Art Festival at Crestview annually. The annual Summit Art Festival, however, will not occur again this year due to concerns with Covid-19.

Glenda reported that there will be a press conference this week with Mayor Baird announcing a new public art initiative led by the Mid-America Regional Council seeking to create unity and community pride. This project involves the painting of between 100-200 KC hearts by local artists and community groups that will be put on display around the metro region in the Spring of 2022.

Glenda also informed the Council that Jackson County is now attempting to establish its own Art Committee, and that she will be part of the group engaged in creating the goals and parameters of a strategic plan.

VII. Adjournment - Our next scheduled meeting is July 26, 2021. Nick adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

Respectively,
John Hardesty
LSAC Secretary