

Lee's Summit Arts Council

April 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** – Nick called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Members present – Nick Parker, Christina Phillips, Jeannine Akins, Jeff Bertoncin, Jennifer de Luca, Jody Fristoe, John Hardesty, John Schuler, Kemp Strickler, and Diane Forte, City Council liaison. Members absent – Jane Bolin, Jazz Rucker.
- II. **Approval of January Minutes** – Kemp Strickler moved to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2021 meeting. John Schuler seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- III. **Budget Report** – The LSAC Budget committee annually reviews all applications for Cultural Arts Grants received from groups in Lee's Summit. This year we received only five applications as follows:
 - 1) Lee's Summit Symphony - \$2,500
 - 2) Summit Theater Group - \$2,500
 - 3) Summit Art - \$2,500
 - 4) Summer Singers of Lee's Summit - \$2,500
 - 5) Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street - \$1,500

Inasmuch as the total (\$11,500) was within our budget, it was recommended that all applications be approved as submitted. After Christina Phillips moved and Kemp Strickler seconded that motion. Nick Parker and Jody Fristoe abstained from voting due to noted conflicts of interest. Motioned was unanimously approved by remaining voting members. Nick Parker is a board member of Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street and Jody Fristoe is a board member and director of Summit Art.

IV. **New Business** – None

V. **Old Business** –

a. Chair Updates -

i. Boards and Commissions Strategic Alignment -

There are currently between 20 and 23 of these groups within the City's operating purview. Mayor Baird and the City Council want to consolidate a number of these to create more streamlined management. In that process, it has been suggested the Arts Council, the Beautification Commission, and the Historic Preservation Commission be combined into one entity. It is anticipated that this will commence after the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2021. Glenda Masters stated that combining these three groups into a new Arts and Culture Commission will expand support for the City's plans/implementations and open opportunities for increased grant funding of cultural arts and historic preservation.

- ii. Green Street Market Management Firm Meeting –
A Master Developer (Lane 4) and a Manager (BRV) have now been selected to bring this project into reality. These companies were chosen as the best from a number of well-qualified applicants. Lane 4 will partner with the City to manage the creation of the entire physical layout, and BRV will partner with Lane 4 and ultimate users of the public facilities in planning what kinds of spaces are called for in fulfilling the City’s vision, then acting as manager of these spaces by making sure that they are booked with economy-building, and cultural activities and events that will benefit the citizens of Lee’s Summit.
Diane Forte shared that this project was begun in conversation approximately ten years ago, and with voter approval of \$600,000 in 2013 in order to start its funding. Most of this money is gone through the purchase of various properties which together comprise the majority of the block-long area. She credits the big vision of Mayor Baird as a driving energy in moving the project into reality. In addition, she shared that she is confident that the concerns of the Arts Council with regard to the importance of the inclusion of various types of art in this facility will definitely be addressed.
- iii. Nonprofit Arts Organization Formation –
The group formed to create a 5013C Arts organization is preparing the required paperwork that must be filed for approved designation. Once accomplished, this entity will expand and carry out the arts grant process now conducted by the Arts Council.

- b. Sculpture Walk Updates –
‘Patches’ will be installed this week at SE 4th St. and Main. The ‘Popsicles’ sculpture at City Hall will be removed this week and its replacement, ‘Borbor 9’ will be installed. At the downtown fire station, ‘Fire Dancer’ will replace ‘Raptor’, which has been purchased by the City and moved to City Hall Plaza. All of the new sculptures should be in place (with one exception) by May 19, in time for the May Fourth Fridays Art Walk. An Otocast app will again be available to use on the tour.
Two suggestions were voiced:
 - 1) Creating a contest to give ‘Raptor’ a name
 - 2) A possible video of the walking art tour, partnering with LS Creative Services Division

VI. Roundtable –

Jodie Fristoe reported that the Summit Art Plein Air Festival was a huge success and plans are to make this an annual event on the third weekend of April. She also expects a full presentation of the Summit Art Festival downtown this year.

Diane Forte read an email she received from Melissa Simms thanking her for the wonderful public art that is now on display in downtown Lee’s Summit.

VII. Adjournment - Our next scheduled meeting is May 24, 2021. Nick adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectively,
John Hardesty
LSAC Secretary