

Lee's Summit Arts Council

July 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** – Nick Parker called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Members present – Nick Parker, Jane Bollin, Jeff Bertoncin, Jodie Fristoe, John Hardesty, John Schuler, and Kemp Strickler. Members absent – Christina Phillips, Jeannine Akins, Jennifer DeLuca, and Jazz Rucker.
- II. **Approval of February Minutes** – Jane Bollin moved to approve the minutes from the June 21, 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. The current year's LSAC budget figures rolled over into the 2022 budget as of July 1.
- IV. **New Business** –
 - a. The new slate of officers for the Council was created and approved by one unanimous vote. They are: John Schuler, Chairman; Kemp Strickler, Vice Chairman; John Hardesty, Secretary; and Jeff Bertoncin, Treasurer. Jane Bollin moved to accept the aforementioned nominees, and Jody Fristoe seconded the motion. Nick Parker is stepping down from the Council in order to become more involved in the formation of the new 501c3 Board of Directors.
 - b. The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is making available grants to local arts agencies for sub-granting, through the **American Rescue Plan Grants for Arts** program, and the City of Lee's Summit will be making application for these funds through the LS Arts Council. There are three tiers available: \$150K, \$250K, and \$500K. Glenda advises that as much as \$50K of these funds could be allocated for administration, with the rest becoming sub-grants to local art groups or individual artists. The deadline to make application to the NEA is August 3, 2021. Should we be selected to receive funds, we have two years to fully distribute them.
- V. **Old Business** –
 - a. Currently on view at City Hall until September 9 is an exhibit called "Missouri: People, Places & Heritage" which features the photography of Lee's Summit photographers of Summit Art. There will be an artists' reception from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on August 27th. The Summer Singers of Lee's Summit Choir performance is scheduled at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on August 1 at 4:00 p.m. On August 10 in celebration of Missouri's Bicentennial, an Ice Cream Social will occur at the LS History Museum from 5:00-8:00 p.m., in addition to the Bicentennial exhibit within the Museum. At Bridge Space from 7:00-9:00 p.m. there will be a "Historic Journey Through LS" which includes a performance by the LS Symphony.

Voting for 'favorites' of the public art currently on display throughout downtown will begin soon and 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 vote.

- b. Arts and Culture Week is October 8-17. Glenda and a small committee of Council members will continue planning for the event.

VI. Roundtable –

There is 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. Applications for interested artists are available at <https://www.artskcgo.com/classified/parade-of-hearts-call-for-artists/>.

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. This group is requesting the submission of individual's personal stories of what arts and culture means to them (an anonymous survey can be accessed on line at [Our Tomorrows - CAAC](#) ; and any assistance that people are willing to make in creating a cultural arts assets map can be submitted on the questionnaire at https://missouri.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7ZGpBAWDxJ9Nmzc.

The idea of creating a "Name the Raptor" contest was suggested.

- VII. Adjournment** - Our next scheduled meeting is August 23, 2021. Nick adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectively,
John Hardesty
LSAC Secretary