

Lee's Summit Arts Council

November 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** – John Schuler called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Members present – Jeff Bertoncin, Jennifer DeLuca, Jodie Fristoe, John Hardesty, Jazz Rucker, John Schuler, Kemp Strickler, and Cultural Arts Manager, Glenda Masters. Members absent – Jane Bollin, Jeannine Akins, Christina Phillips, and City Council liaison, Hillary Shields.
- II. **Approval of July Minutes** – Kemp Strickland moved to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2021 meeting. Jazz Rucker seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- III. **Budget Report** – Glenda Masters furnished everyone a copy of the comprehensive Cultural Arts Division fiscal year Budget to Actuals Expenses report. As was the case at our previous meeting, the Arts Council 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 and will be administered by the newly created "Cultural Commission" once it is in place.
- IV. **New Business** –
 - a. The application packets for artists who wish to participate in next year's Sculpture Walk are currently being prepared by Glenda. Her plan is to open the application submission period next week on CAFÉ (call for entry), and she will review each one as it is received. The entry "call" will end around the first or second Friday in January, 2022. Glenda will be submitting a request in January to the DTCISD for funding of new sculptures. The Arts Council has been asked to expand the number of sculptures for the coming year's Sculpture Walk, so new slabs would be needed to accommodate them. Finding additional locations for these seems problematic.
 - b. The Arts Council's 2022 grant cycle will officially open next week and close on January 8, 2022.
- V. **Old Business** –
 - a. Glenda and Josh Johnson will be making their presentation regarding the Boards and Commissions reorganization plan to City Council on December 7, with possible approval by mid-December. The plan would create an entirely new commission (Cultural Commission) which would perform the administration of three focus areas, (1) arts, (2) beautification, and (3) historic preservation for the City of Lee's Summit. This would replace the current stand-alone groups for these three areas. It is thought that the new commission would meet quarterly, with sub-committees meeting more often. The responsibility for the current Arts Council's Grant Program and the anticipated 501C3 will both transition to this new commission.
 - b. Unfortunately we were not chosen as the recipient of the NEA ARPA Arts Agency Grant. The arts organization for Columbia, MO, received it.

VI. Roundtable –

Everyone took the opportunity to wish each and all a “Happy Thanksgiving”, and Kemp Strickler shared details of his upcoming trip to Antarctica.

VII. Adjournment - Our next scheduled meeting is January 24, 2022. John adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Respectively,
John Hardesty
LSAC Secretary