

Lee's Summit Arts Council

February 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** – John Schuler called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Members present – Jeannine Akins, Jeff Bertoncin, Jane Bollin, Jennifer DeLuca, Jodie Fristoe, John Hardesty, John Schuler, Kemp Strickler, and Cultural Arts Manager, Glenda Masters. Members absent- Jazz Rucker.
- II. **Approval of November Minutes** – Kemp Strickler moved to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2021 meeting. Jeannine Akins seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- III. **Budget Report – Cultural Arts YTD Report** - Glenda Masters furnished everyone a copy of the Cultural Arts Grants FY2023 Recommendations for review and consideration. Funding requests totaled \$13,500 to support continuing arts and cultural programs provided by LS cultural organizations.

Art School KC	\$2,500
Downtown Lee's Summit	\$1,000
LS Symphony Orchestra	\$2,500
Summer Singers of LS	\$2,500
Summit Art	\$2,500
Summit Theatre Group	\$2,500

The Art School is the only new program presenting a request for 2022.

The funding requests will be placed in the FY23 Cultural Arts Budget and is subject to approval of the City's FY23 general operating budget by City Council in June. Grantees will be informed of their official funding amounts in July.

- IV. **New Business** – Jane Bollin explained that the Public Art Committee had a challenging time choosing the new sculptures for the 2022 Sculpture Walk since some artists submitted multiple entries, and our goal is to have only one creation by each artist. This year's selections include artists from Lee's Summit, and St. Louis and Strafford, MO, as well as numerous out-of-state entries.

Asteray – Nicole Beck	Celebration – Robert Porreca
Icosahedron – Kirk Seese	Embracing Empathy – Jody Bliss
Low-Poly Open Heart – Matthew Duffy	Sun to Moon Rotation – Mary Angers
Harmony in Together – Sal Hasna	Resting in the Thistle – John Biggs
By Any Other Name - Stacy Sharp	Dandelion Puff Ball – Joe Malesky

Alternates – 'With the Tides' by Jody Bliss and 'Sunrise/Sunset' by Matthew Duffy will be placed if any of the above pieces must be removed.

Last year's sculptures will be removed and replaced by those above during May.
One of the hearts from the Heart of KC project will be on display locally from March through June.

- V. **Old Business** – There has been no further development in the reorganization of the City's Boards and Commissions. The formal process will most likely occur after the new fiscal year starts July 1. At that time, the Arts Council, the Historical Preservation Commission, and the Beautification Commission are anticipated to be combined to form a new Cultural Commission.
- VI. **Roundtable – John Schuler** recommended a new podcast by the Nelson/Adkins Museum called "A Frame of Mind" is a very interesting educational look at the history of Kansas City. Jeannine Akins recommended the Kansas City Museum as a great arts destination. Jodie Fristoe shared that the second annual Summit Art Festival will occur the second weekend in April at Crestview. Several new aspects have been added this year including a 2.3K Art Walk, a kids' fishing derby, and a concert at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 10 by
- VII. **April Election Presentation** – In the upcoming local election on April 5th, 2022, there will be an item proposing the implementation of a one-half cent increase to the Lee's Summit sales tax that is currently being levied. Approval of this increase is projected to generate \$10-\$12 million annually which would be added to the current allocation of City funds to the Police Dept. – funding additional personnel, programs and equipment that would include a behavioral health response team, crime reduction team, adding a new police district and virtual training; and the Fire Dept. – funding new personnel to provide more effective fire inspections, establish a "live fire" training facility, add a new water rescue boat, and establish a "heart safe" fire station alert backup system. This presentation was provided by Deputy Police Chief John Boenker, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Austerman and City Manager Steve Arbo.
- VIII. **Adjournment** - Our next scheduled meeting is March 28, 2022. John Schuler adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectively,
John Hardesty
LSAC Secretary