

## Lee's Summit Arts Council

### June 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** – John Schuler called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m. Members present – Jane Bollin, Jazz Rucker, Jeff Bertoncin, Jennifer DeLuca, Jodie Fristoe, John Hardesty, Kemp Strickler, Cultural Arts Manager, Glenda Masters, and City Council liaison, Hillary Shields. Members absent – Jeannine Akins
- II. **Approval of April Minutes** – Jane Bollin moved to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2022 meeting and the June 15 Special meeting. Kemp Strickler seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- III. **New Business** –
  - a. The Arts Council was successful in its bid to buy the “Downtown Time” heart for the City of Lee’s Summit at \$8,125. Mayor Baird has recommended that the heart be put on display indoors in order to ensure that it remains in good condition indefinitely. Funds from the auction of all 156 hearts in the Parade of Hearts event will be donated to the following initiatives:
    - 1) Each artist who participated receives \$2,000
    - 2) The University of Kansas Health System will receive funds to purchase advanced imaging equipment to help treat long-term COVID-19 patients.
    - 3) Donations will be made to the Visit KC Foundation (a 501(c)3 entity) that champions tourism and workforce development in both Kansas & Missouri.
    - 4) Making grants for recovery and growth to minority and women-owned small businesses not adequately served by mainstream financial institutions, a program managed by AltCAPKC.
    - 5) Mid-America regional Council (MARC) will use funds to coordinate planning efforts on important community issues in the KC metro including aging services, health care, community development, homeland security, emergency services, the regional 911 system, and daycare and early childhood education.
  - b. Glenda will send grant letters to the applicants awarded grants in the fiscal 2023 program by the end of July.
- IV. **Old Business** –
  - a. Glenda and City Manager, Steve Arbo, recently made a presentation to City Council regarding the upcoming reorganization of various Boards and Commissions within city government. They, as well as other individuals from within the current groups, will be working with City Council’s Rules Committee to create the new organization which will replace the current Beautification Commission, Historical Preservation Commission, and the Arts Council. Various suggestions were made by Council members as to who might be chosen to consult with the Rules Committee during the reorganization, and who would be chosen to serve on the new commission. There has been some attrition on all

three existing groups, so there will naturally be fewer people serving in the future group. Glenda expects that several months of discussions and planning will be required in order to determine the foundational purpose and function of the new commission.

- b. Arts and Economic Prosperity Survey – Glenda reiterated that the goal is to collect a minimum of 800 surveys by the end of this calendar year. There was a renewed discussion concerning the inclusion of a QR code in the official programs for the Lee’s Summit Symphony concerts and also on programs and posters published for use at Summit Theatre Group productions, Parks & Recreation Dept. concerts, monthly Art Walks, and DTLS events. There has been a graduate fellowship opened for someone to assist in the distribution and completion of the survey, and Glenda will create a script which can be read at events that will explain and encourage people to participate in filling out the survey. Other suggestions for promotion of the survey were the following: using signs on 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Art Walks, placing yard signs around the area at events, asking volunteers at events to wear T-shirts which would have a QR code and a message asking for survey participation on their back, and including school events as a source of signers.

**V. Roundtable –**

Hillary Shields recommended attending “Shakespeare in the Park” at Southmoreland Park in Kansas City. Jazz Rucker announced that he is currently singing in one of the Columbia Symphony’s productions. John Schuler shared that his daughter had gotten married this past weekend in a beautiful home ceremony. Glenda Masters and her husband celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in New Orleans recently.

**VI. Adjournment –**

At John Schuler’s request, Jodie Fristoe moved and Jazz Rucker seconded a motion for adjournment, which was unanimously approved. Our next scheduled meeting is July 25, 2022. John then adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully,  
John Hardesty  
LSAC Secretary