

Liberty Arts Commission Meeting Summary

June 11, 2015

6:00 p.m.

The Liberty Arts Commission met on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Stocksdale Gallery at William Jewell College. Present were Commissioners Chery Holtman, Shane Immelt, Heather Jones, Carol Kariotis, Karen Orrill, Bill Stilfield, Nathan Wyman and staff liaison Jonna Wensel. Rob Quinn, director of the Stocksdale Gallery was also in attendance.

The group convened at 6:00 p.m. at the Pryor Learning Commons. Eryn Bates, director of development for the Harriman-Jewell Series, led a tour of the Rita Blitt exhibit on campus.

Chair Bill Stilfield called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Meeting Summary: Ms. Jones made a motion to approve the May 14 meeting summary. Mr. Immelt seconded the motion, which was approved 7-0.

Current Business

City Signs Project: Ms. Wensel said Ms. Bartnik was communicating with the sign company and MODOT about technical issues regarding the posts for signs in the MODOT right of way.

Pianos on Parade: Ms. Jones shared photos of the pianos at Union Station on Memorial Day weekend. The two pianos are in front of City Hall through Labor Day.

Mid-Continent Public Library: Ms. Holtman said she had been in touch with Katie at the library, but they do not have a hanging system yet. Ms. Jones asked if they had artists lined up for the library space. Ms. Kariotis said they had several in mind. She said the Community Center space would be better for first exhibits and student shows. Mr. Stilfield asked who will incur the costs of the exhibits. Ms. Kariotis said the library will pay for the hanging system, and the receptions could be done through donations. Ms. Jones suggested asking businesses sponsor the reception.

City Staff Exhibit: Ms. Wensel said the art teacher exhibit that was scheduled for the summer fell through, so she has asked city staff to participate in a staff-only exhibit.

Liberty Arts Squared: Ms. Wensel said the festival was a success, with a steady crowd on Friday and Saturday. It rained on Saturday morning, but then cleared early enough to hold the chalk art contest and all of the entertainment. Attendance was about 8,000 – similar to all previous years. As the square will likely be under construction next summer, adjustments will need to be considered.

Liberty Arts Foundation: Ms. Jones said the next meeting will be in August. Ms. Kariotis said she is working on grants.

Other Business:

Art Partner Reports:

Ms. Holtman invited everyone to the Clay County Museum Banquet at the newly renovated space Restoration 1894 at 1 E. Kansas on June 27.

Ms. Orrill reported that the Liberty Symphony Orchestra Board will meet in July.

Mr. Wyman said the Corbin Kids Theatre Camp will present Fiddler on the Roof this weekend and then 101 Dalmations. Mr. Quinn said he would like to host a juried local artist show at the Stocksdale Gallery.

ArtsKC Regional Cultural Plan: Ms. Wensel said she had been in touch with ArtsKC about learning more about the plan. They will be organizing some times for groups to get together and said they would be in touch.

Make Music Day: Mr. Stilfield presented some information about the international event held on June 21 each year. He asked everyone to consider the idea for discussion at the next meeting.

Ms. Kariotis said she has been a panelist for the Missouri Arts Council literature grants, and would be happy to forward names of anyone who would like to volunteer to serve on a review panel.

Ms. Jones reminded everyone that the July 9 meeting will be held at her law office at Crown Center. The start time of that meeting will be 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.