

Liberty Arts Commission Meeting Summary

October 8, 2015

6:00 p.m.

The Liberty Arts Commission met on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Liberty City Hall. Present were Commissioners Greg Duncan, Chery Holtman, Heather Jones, Karen Orrill, Bill Stilfield, Nathan Wyman, and staff liaison Jonna Wensel. Kellie Houx from the Liberty Tribune was also in attendance.

Chair Bill Stilfield called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Meeting Summary: Ms. Orrill made a motion to approve the September 10 meeting summary. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion, which was approved 6-0.

Current Business

Make Music Day: Mr. Stilfield said he has 42 names of people affiliated with music organizations in Liberty and would be sending out a survey to gauge their interest in the event. He plans to wait to start fundraising until actual planning of the festival begins.

Art Car at Fall Festival: Ms. Holtman said the Art Car was, once again, a hit at the Fall Festival. The signs helped identify it in the parade. Mr. Immelt shared photos of the Art Car and parade. Ideas for next year were discussed.

Public Art: Ms. Holtman said the library is preparing their exhibit space for their first exhibit, which will be of Stephen Weis' work. The opening and reception will be at the library on November 10. The Community Center has ordered the hanging system, and they hope to have their first exhibit installed by the end of October. The first exhibit there will be the work of Matt Eeks.

Strategic Planning / Board Development: Ms. Wensel said she has the names of several potential facilitators, but has not been able to make contact with them yet.

China Slaughter Park: Mr. Duncan said school district staff, city staff, developer, and he met to better coordinate the project. A meeting of stakeholders will be held soon to move the project forward. Ms. Wensel reminded the group that the LAC reviewed the project because it was requested by the developer as part of a variance for art in lieu of trees, but the LAC will not be asked to formally review the sculpture, as it is not a public project.

Other Business:

Liberty Arts Foundation: Their next meeting will be held November 10.

Art Partner Reports:

Mr. Wyman reported on several upcoming concerts at William Jewell College, and the Jewell Theatre Company's production of Metamorphoses on November 19, 20, 21.

Ms. Holtman said the Corbin Theatre is hosting Bram Wijnands and his Swingtet on October 14.

Liberty Arts Squared Update: Ms. Wensel said a decision had not yet been made about the festival, but should be before the end of the year. Ideas on combining an arts component with another event were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.