

Liberty Arts Commission Meeting Summary

February 11, 2016

6:00 p.m.

The Liberty Arts Commission met on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Liberty City Hall. Present were Commissioners Greg Duncan, Shane Immelt, Anna Knackstedt, Heather Jones, Carol Kariotis, Karen Orrill, Bill Stilfield, Nathan Wyman, Phil Young, and staff liaison Jonna Wensel.

Chair Bill Stilfield called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Meeting Summary: Ms. Orrill made a motion to approve the January 14 meeting summary. Mr. Immelt seconded the motion, which was approved 9-0.

Current Business

Make Music Day: Mr. Stilfield said he had contacted the Make Music Alliance in New York and was encouraged that the event could be organized by June 21. By partnering with the Make Music organization, the event could be coordinated with little funding or a steering committee. A Wordpress website would be created to match performers with venues. The LAC would do the marketing and education about the event. The membership fee to join the Make Music Alliance is \$325, which the Liberty Arts Foundation has offered to sponsor.

As the Arts Commission may not enter into a contract without the support of the City Council, Ms. Kariotis moved to ask the Liberty Arts Foundation to be the agent of the Arts Commission to sign the agreement with the Make Music Alliance. Mr. Wyman seconded the motion, which was approved 9-0. The request is for one year only. Mr. Stilfield will send a written request to the LAF for their support.

Mr. Stilfield asked that members brainstorm possible venues. Mr. Wyman suggested the new amphitheatre at William Jewell College. Mr. Duncan suggested churches be invited to participate. Ms. Jones asked if there would be opportunities for children and non-musicians to participate. Mr. Stilfield said the event was meant for all ages and abilities.

Ms. Kariotis said a Missouri Arts Council monthly grant would be available for Make Music Day up to \$1500, which requires a cash only match. The City could be the applicant, which would allow other departments to be eligible as well. Ms. Kariotis will ask if the grant is reimbursed after expenses or paid in advance. Mr. Duncan said the LAF is accepting donations for Make Music Day.

Public Art: Ms. Kariotis said the next show at the library will be Kansas City jazz photographs. The opening will be February 18, with entertainment by Mr. Stilfield beginning at 7pm.

The Matt Eeks exhibit will go up at the Community Center on March 1.

The date for the opening reception for the Powell's exhibit was tentatively set for March 8, 5-6:30 pm.

Mr. Duncan reminded the group that Ms. Holtman will receive a Proclamation of Appreciation from the City Council on February 22.

Strategic Planning / Board Development: Nothing to report.

Other Business:

Liberty Arts Foundation: Mr. Duncan said a committee represented by the Liberty School District, Liberty School District Foundation, the Liberty Arts Foundation, Parks Department, and others, have met to refine a plan for the China Slaughter Reading Park. The design has been provided by Patti Banks. The large tree on the lot will be removed, as it is in poor condition. Mr. Steinkamp and Mr. Immelt have interviewed four sculptors, and have narrowed the pool to three. The Arts Foundation received a number of year end donations. They are seeking new board members.

Art Partner Reports:

Mr. Wyman said the WJC Concert Choir will be performing February 22; the Symphonic Band will perform February 29; the Liberty Symphony will perform March 5 at Woodneath Library; the Biennial Art Faculty Exhibit will open March 5 with a reception at 2 pm. The Jewell Theatre will present Godspell in April.

Mr. Duncan said the Transient Guest Tax budget has been passed by the City Council, which includes funding for public art and matching grants to arts organizations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. and was followed by a story by Ms. Kariotis.