

## Liberty Arts Commission Meeting Summary

November 10, 2016

6:00 p.m.

The Liberty Arts Commission met on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Liberty City Hall. Present were Commissioners Greg Duncan, Katie Gregory, Shane Immelt, Heather Jones, Anna Knackstedt, Karen Orrill, Nathan Wyman, and Phil Young. Commissioners Carol Kariotis, Aaron Money, and Bill Stilfield were absent. Assistant Planning and Development Director Katherine Sharp and Economic and Business Development Manager Karen Johnson represented staff.

Commissioner Jones, sitting in for Chairman Stilfield, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Meeting Summary:** Commissioner Immelt made a motion to approve the October 13, 2016 meeting summary as amended. Commissioner Young seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### Current Business

#### **Bed Tax Money:**

#### **Rotating Sculpture**

Karan Johnson presented ideas for the rotating sculpture program. She said the first step would be the preparation of guidelines and procedures and that she would want to follow the Liberty Public Art Selection and Acquisition Policy, but expand where necessary. She said this was a separate program from the Great Americans statues. She then went over her ideas for the program, breaking it down into steps:

- Determine any restrictions on size/mounting
- Select the temporary locations downtown
- Call for Artists
- Select jury

She said her idea was to have the Jury select sculptures to be “on loan” and the City would purchase 1 piece each year to locate within City limits.

Ms. Johnson went over her ideas for incentives to the artists, including:

- Artists selected to exhibit receive monetary stipend as incentive to submit.
- Base provided by City (increase locations each year).
- Sculpture promoted for sale during year.
- Artist plaque describing sculpture.
- Selection of a sculpture for permanent display.

She said this is being funded out of the Transient Guest Tax budget (Year 1 (2017) = \$15,000, Years 2+ = \$25,000).

Ms. Johnson concluded by asking for Commission feedback, specifically:

- Asked the LAC to help recommend a subcommittee that could meet every two weeks until the program is running.
- Asked the LAC for ideas on how to select permanent sculptures (such as “People’s Choice”; decided by Arts Commission or City Council, or both).
- Asked the LAC to think about if they like the idea of having each year themed.
- Asked the LAC to think about if they would like a marketing piece with map and description.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Johnson for the presentation and began a list of citizens who may be appropriate for a task force for this project.

Commissioner Jones said she feels the right location and right jury are keys to the success of this project. Commissioner Duncan asked the LAC for names of those who may be interested in being on the task force.

Rob Quinn, WJC (Nathan will contact)  
Allison Tanner, LA2 (Heather will contact)  
Rob Jones (HDLI) (Heather will contact)

Commissioners Shane Immelt, Heather Jones, and Nathan Wyman volunteered to be on the task force as well. Arts Commission liaison, Jeanine Thill, will also be on the task force.

### **Arts Grant Program**

Commissioner Duncan said that the Arts Grant Program is currently funded but does not have structure or guidelines and the LAC and staff need to work to develop guidelines and policy for this project. He said that Ian Coleman, a professor at William Jewell College, has a Music Art class who was looking for a short-term, hands-on, project. He read the "call for students":

*The mission of the Liberty Arts Commission is to serve as a catalyst for public art, to support, sustain, and strengthen the community by increasing awareness, opportunities, and public involvement in local arts and cultural activities. To support this overarching mission, City of Liberty has approved (and is funding) the implementation of an "Arts Grant" program. The goal of the new program is foster a vibrant arts community where artists, non-profit arts and creative industries thrive.*

*The City of Liberty is looking for innovative students to assist the Liberty Arts Commission and City staff in the research and development of this exciting new local Arts Grant Program. This may include researching ways that other public entities such as cities, museums, and foundations provide grants to strengthen cultural experiences through music, art, and events. Interested students may also assist in the writing of guidelines for the grant program.*

*Come be a part of this brand new initiative to increase the artistic vitality and cultural vibrancy in your community!*

Ms. Sharp said staff should know soon if there are any interested students, and she would follow up at the next meeting with any new information.

**LAC group communications system:** Commissioner Immelt said its working and thanked all who had logged on to the document.

**10 Year Report of Accomplishments:** Commissioner Gregory went over the presentation for City Council. She said she would like to include items that are coming forward with the new funding and Make Music Day.

**Public Art Update:** Ms. Sharp reported that the quilts of Angela Walters are still on display at all three galleries since September. Community Center quilts are up and Children's quilts are in the Library. She said the new exhibit starts December 1; it is Counted Cross Stitch at the Community Center and the Library. She said the City Hall exhibit will be a pastel artist.

The Library *meet the artist* event was October 10 and the book signing was at City Hall the evening of Friday, October 21. She said approximately 50 people attended the City Hall event.

**Other Business:**

**Liberty Arts Foundation:** Commissioner Duncan said the China Slaughter statue unveiling party is at Bob Steinkamp's house from 4-6 on Sunday, November 13. Commissioner Jones said they are still raising money.

**Art Partner Reports:**

Commissioner Orrill said the symphony's first concert was Saturday, October 22.

Commissioner Immelt said the City is finalizing the kiosks from the wayfinding project.

Commissioner Wyman said there is an Art opening Nov 14- January 27; it is an Art Faculty Exhibit in Stocksdale Gallery at William Jewell College at Brown Hall. He said the lighting of the quad is Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> with a concert and then reception in the Union and reading of A Christmas Carol. He said Jewell has a new music website [www.jewell.edu/Music](http://www.jewell.edu/Music).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m.