

Liberty Arts Commission Meeting Summary

October 13, 2016

6:00 p.m.

The Liberty Arts Commission met on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Liberty City Hall. Present were Commissioners Greg Duncan, Katie Gregory, Shane Immelt, Carol Kariotis, Karen Orrill, Bill Stilfield, and Phil Young. Commissioners Heather Jones, Anna Knackstedt, Aaron Money and Nathan Wyman were absent. Assistant Planning and Development Director Katherine Sharp represented staff.

Chairman Bill Stilfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary: Commissioner Immelt made a motion to approve the September 8, 2016 meeting summary as amended. Commissioner Kariotis seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Current Business

Discuss Objective:

Bed Tax Money: Ms. Sharp said she was told by the finance director that this year, because the bed tax program has just begun, the leftover funds from 2016 bed tax would be added to the funds for next year. In the future, the expectation would be that the funds would be fully utilized each year. She said the budget line for LA2 was changed to marketing for general arts events in Liberty, rather than tied to one specific event.

Outside Grant Opportunities: Ms. Sharp said that Karan Johnson in Economic Development will be coming in November to discuss the rotating sculpture project.

Commissioner Duncan said that the programs are currently funded but do not have structure or guidelines and the LAC and staff need to work to develop guidelines and policy for this project.

Skills assessment: In follow up from the last meeting question, Ms. Sharp said it appears the Commission is allowed 11 members and so the LAC is full at this time.

LAC group communications system: Commissioner Immelt said that there is a desire to have a group communication system to allow idea collaboration. Ms. Sharp said she had some concerns about maintaining Missouri Open Meetings laws with a group communications system and they would need to be careful that they were not making decisions or deliberating in this format. Commissioner Immelt explained this would be more for idea placement and creative collaboration and would not be used to discuss Commission business. The LAC agreed that when the need occurs for a communication sharing, they will look further into this subject.

10 Year Report of Accomplishments: Commissioners Gregory and Duncan went over the ideas for a 10 year report for City Council. They discussed the benefit of presenting the 10 year report in the beginning of the year 2017. Commissioners Gregory, Jones and Duncan will work on the presentation.

Public Art Update: Commissioner Kariotis reported that the quilts of Angela Walters are on display at all three galleries since September. Community Center quilts are up and Children's quilts are in the Library. The Library *meet the artist* event was October 10 and the book signing is at City Hall the evening of Friday, October 21. She said she needs assistance getting the refreshments for that event as she may not be able to make it. Ms. Sharp said she would pick up the food and set up for the reception. Commissioner Kariotis said Counted Cross stitch will be available from

December through February, and will be the next public arts exhibit. She went over the poetry and music event that may occur in April.

Commissioner Kariotis said she will send the calendar of events to the LAC and to Sara Cook with the City's communication division.

Other Business:

Liberty Arts Foundation: Commissioner Duncan said the interviews are ongoing for the China Slaughter sculpture and things are moving forward. They are down to two finalists and are expecting to make a decision soon. The time frame for this is a year and a half away from being commissioned.

Art Partner Reports:

Commissioner Orrill said the symphony's first concert is Saturday, October 22. Commissioner Immelt said the City is finalizing the kiosks from the wayfinding project. One will go in the south east corner of the square and the other will go at Fountain Bluff near the concession stand.

Chairman Stillfield said the LAC asked the Tribune for some space to post art events. Community Voices are a good location for editorials on Art.

Commissioner Kariotis said Missouri Arts Council is having a presentation on MAC grants on November 9.

Commissioner Kariotis said she would like the Commission to think about an annual art purchase for public art spaces.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.