

## Liberty Arts Commission Meeting Summary

January 19, 2017

City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

6:00 p.m.

The Liberty Arts Commission met on Thursday, January 19, 2017 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 Community Development Manager Jeanine Thill represented staff.

Commissioner Immelt called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**Meeting Summary:** Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the December 8, 2016 meeting summary as amended. Commissioner Young seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **Current Business**

**Make Music Day-** The Commission agreed that Make Music Day is an event they would like to do again in Liberty, to take place June 21, 2017. They felt that this year more promotional activities and advertising should take place. Motion by Commissioner Duncan to commit \$325 from the budget to Make Music Day for the national level promotional fee and membership. Motion seconded by Commissioner Orrill. Motion passed. A Task Force will be formed to work on Make Music Day led by Commissioners Immelt and Stilfield, anyone interested in serving on the Task Force should let them know of their desire to help. Commissioner Jones suggested we ask for a representative from the school district and from William Jewell to serve.

### **Bed Tax Money:**

Ms. Thill reminded the Commission that they have a budget of \$8,920.00 this fiscal year. She suggested the Commission consider the priorities discussed last fall in their strategic planning session to determine the use of funds. The budget will be a discussion at the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Some projects identified as priorities were; Public Arts events and Pianos on Parade.

**Rotating Sculpture-** Ms. Thill reported the Rotating Sculpture Task Force has selected the three preferred locations for the Rotating Sculptures; two on county property- near the fountain by City Hall, on the SE corner of the Courthouse Square and in the vacant land (owned by the City) next to the Clay County Archives on Franklin Street. Concrete pads will be laid in each location to anchor the sculpture in at each site. The size of the pads is yet to be determined. Commissioner Duncan suggested a larger pad should be at the site on Franklin Street to accommodate a larger piece, given the lot is vacant. Commissioner Jones asked if a portion of the LAC budget could be used to help promote the Sculptures, Commissioner Duncan said the funds can be used for an arts event or promotion. Commissioner Young suggested we consider having Make Music Day performances near the Rotating Sculptures. Thill asked for feedback from the Commission on whether the Call for Artists should be limited regional artists or if it should be National. The consensus of the Commission was to make it National.

**Arts Grant Program-** Ms. Thill reported a Task Force, consisting of Commissioner Kariotis, Laura Moore and Holly Schenk have met once to discuss the parameters of the Art Grant Program. The commission suggested we offer one annual grant of \$5,000 and five Mini Grants up to \$1,000. Eligibility should include private individuals and non-profit organizations. The committee should consider a weighted approach to scoring applications with more points given for demonstrating how the proposed project would be of public benefit and result in tourism. Commissioner Jones said Pontiac, Ill has a great Mural Program (with murals on private property with public access) and encouraged the group to look at this.

**Public Art Update:** Commissioner

**Other Business:**

**Art Partner Reports:**

**Public Art-** Katie said in Mid-March there will be new art which would include items through poetry month in April.

**Liberty Arts Foundation-** Heather reported they have \$40,000 raised for the China Slaughter Sculpture. Commissioner Duncan added that Brownfig Development Company will be moving forward with grading, sidewalks and earth restoration in the Spring as part of their variance.

**Symphony-** Commissioner Orrill reported their membership has declined over the past two years from 100 to 88 members. They are looking at how to reverse that trend and will be holding a strategic planning meeting. There is a free symphony concert at Mosaic Life Care on February 11th.

**Jewell-** Commissioner Wyman reported the next performance “Private Lives” will be Feb. 10 & 11 at 7 pm at the Peters Theatre. Also, the art department faculty will have a show at the gallery.

The next meeting of the Liberty Arts Commission will be February 9th

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Young. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.