



LIBERTY ARTS COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

May 10, 2018 6:00 p.m.

3rd Floor Conference Room City Hall

I. Attendance

Greg Duncan, Shane Immelt, Anna Knackstedt, Heather Jones,
Carol Kariotis, Aaron Money, Karen Orrill, Bill Stilfield, Nathan Wyman, Phil Young

II. Approval of Meeting Summary:

April 12, 2018

III. Current Business

Sculpture Program – City Staff
Plumb Twisted Sculpture – Proposed permanent location

2018 Installations -Save the date July 17th at 4:30 Meet the Artists'

Make Music Day –Planning event Bill /Shane

Public Art Update- Exhibits Carol Kariotis

IV. Other Business

Liberty Arts Foundation Greg / Heather / Shane

Art Partner Reports All

V. Adjournment

Next Meeting: June 14th

The Liberty Arts Commission is the arts advocacy agency for the City of Liberty. We serve as a catalyst – to support, sustain, and strengthen our community by increasing awareness, opportunities, and public involvement in local arts and cultural activities.

Liberty Arts Commission Meeting Summary

April 12, 2018

6:00 pm

City Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room

The Liberty Arts Commission met on Thursday, April 12, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

Present were Commissioners: Bill Stilfield, Greg Duncan, Anna Knackstedt, Shane Immelt, Heather Jones, Karen Orrill, Phil Young, Carol Kariotis. **Absent:** Aaron Money, Nathan Wyman

Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager represented City Staff and Claire Rogers, Marketing & Special Events Supervisor.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kariotis to approve the March 1, 2018 meeting Seconded by Commissioner Immelt. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Current Business

2018 Tourism Committee & Bed Tax Budget

Claire Rogers

The Mayor appointed Commissioner Anna Knackstedt to represent the LAC on the newly formed Tourism Committee. The tourism committee will oversee and make decisions on how the bed tax funds will be allocated. In 2018 they will be in more of a supervisory capacity since the budget for the current year has already been set. New projects can be considered every year. We are anticipating an increase in the funds available as there are three new hotels under construction on 291. Within the bed tax budget line items, staff is trying to be very specific to show the new Committee how things were budgeted. Ms. Rogers noted the spreadsheet was changed.

The forecasted revenue is \$338,000 which doesn't include any roll over from 2018. We are keeping a \$100,000 fund balance. In 2018 the total funds generated by the tax was \$255,960. The difference is from an increase of 154 new hotel rooms. In 2022 the forecast is that we will have 574 rooms with estimated revenue of \$446,350.

Commissioner Knackstedt will be a voting member of the Committee, there are 7 voting members. Her role will be to serve as the voice for LAC and an advocate. She can address why different funding levels might be requested. Every year in September the commission will fill out one form per item for a budget request. Each will have a monetary request per line item and a description. Once a line item is approved, funds shall be used in that manner. Things that are under contract will be safe and non-negotiable. Word of mouth will be used initially for determining the success of projects. The Arts Commission will continue to review grant applications and Anna will relay what applications are coming in and who is being selected. She explained that there will be separate line items and money can be moved between those line items and it is a 'used it or lose it' policy for each budget year. It also allows your line items to increase. There isn't a minimum amount. Duncan commented that LAC should equip Anna with information to make LAC projects a priority.

Commissioner Jones asked why a non-resident can be on the Committee but not on the LAC. Ms. Rogers said there are several key partnering organizations to the City that have leaders or key influencers that are not Liberty residents and should be represented. There needed to be representation from the hotels, and there was no guarantee that those representatives would live in Liberty. The seats are attached to representation of different sectors. There are terms for those members. Commissioner Jones expressed, as a citizen, some concern about people that are not citizens having a say in how tax dollars are spent.

Ms. Rogers said the Committee will meet 4-5 times a year. The meetings will be open to the public. There will be some flexibility as the program grows.

Make Music Day- Revised Logo, Planning Event. Claire shared the revised Make Music Day logo. The Commission was pleased with the design. Ms. Thill said the marketing sub-committee will guide the design of the poster and signs.

Sculpture Submissions/ Recommendation from Jury for 2018 Installations

Ms. Thill reported 88 sculptures were submitted as a result of the Café Call for Artists for the rotating sculpture program. All were scored by the Jury and the top six were approved by the City Administrator. Next Tuesday staff will present the six sculptures to the HDRC and Staff will send contracts sent to each of the artists. All will be installed on or prior to July 17, 2018. Ms. Rogers reminded the group that \$5,000 is in this years' budget to purchase a sculpture for the City's permanent collection. If the funds are not used, it will not likely be rolled over. The Commission would have to submit a new request. Commissioner Knackstad said since we have money in the budget, there really isn't a down side to purchasing the Burmood sculpture "Plumb Twisted". Commissioner Duncan said he thinks we may want to purchase it. Motion by Commissioner Knackstad that we purchase the Burmood sculpture "Plumb Twisted" with a purchase price up to \$5000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Thill will call Jacob Burmood directly. Over the next month the Commission should look for a possible permanent location for Plumb Twisted, away from play equipment. It was suggested that we may want to work with the Parks to have a sculpture park. If we don't have a spot ready we do have a place to store it.

Motion by Vice Chairman Kariotis to accept the recommendation of the six sculptures and their locations. Motion seconded by Commissioner Knackstad. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Immelt that in the event that any of the first six are not available, that we move down the descending order for the next two highest scored sculptures. The motion seconded by Commissioner Orrill. The motion passed unanimously.

Wall Art- Staff reported that the wall art at Kansas and Water Streets is finished. Commissioner Knackstad said she has heard a lot of good feedback.

Other Business

Mini Grant Application- Artisan Market requesting \$1,000- Commissioner Duncan commented that the budget looks as if the tickets more than cover the cost of the project. Commissioner Jones agreed. Commissioner Knackstad commented that she wasn't clear what the \$1000 grant would be used for and there isn't a demonstrated need, adding that it doesn't seem to fall in the spirit of our mini- grants. The Commission agreed it seemed like a good project. Commissioner Orrill questioned why would we be paying for projects that benefit other cities, referring to the bus tour. It is a great idea, but it is profitable without grant dollars. Motion by Commissioner Knackstad to deny the Artisan Market's application on the basis that it doesn't demonstrate financial need. Seconded by Immelt. Motion passed unanimously.

Metropolitan Youth Orchestra of KC requesting \$,1000- The Commission agreed this is a very worthwhile project, the last event had an attendance of 600 people. If they would like to resubmit it, the Commission would need to have more specifics.

The application doesn't specify exactly what the grant would support. Motion by Commissioner Knackstad to deny the application from the MYO. Motion seconded by

Commissioner Young. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Stilfield emphasized it is a very worthwhile project.

Exhibits- Kariotis said the exhibits are all booked through Feb of next year. The story telling event had about 30 people. Thanks to the hard work of Shane and Carol there are beautiful frames in the exhibit at the library. Vice Chairman Kariotis is planning to meet with William Jewell to try to get more poets involved, possibly on a monthly basis. They will meet next week. Watercolorists and Shane Immelt's photography will be the next exhibits.

Liberty Arts Foundation – The concrete is poured for China Slaughter Park. The unveiling is scheduled for April 26th at 4:00.

Liberty School District – No report

Symphony- This Saturday there will be a performance at the Liberty Community Center.

Corbin Theatre- Chairman Stilfield reported The Corbin will host Jazz on the Square the first Monday of every month. They have been approached by the symphony to do classics on the square. The first one will be in July. Commissioner Immelt has been in touch with CK at Missouri Extension about a free arts workshop "Arts in Entrepreneurship".

Second Baptist Art – April 25th a Burmood sculpture will be installed at Second Baptist Church, near the Kansas Street entrance. It will be part of their Anniversary Celebration and will be unveiled on May 6th

Anti-War- Vice Chairman Kariotis showed a painting that a local artist would like displayed at City Hall and would be willing to donate the painting. Ms. Thill said she spoke to the City Administrator about the painting and it was decided it was too political in subject matter to display in a City owned building. Commissioner Duncan added that in the past we have not accepted pieces of art and we don't curate or accept incoming art.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Immelt, seconded by Commissioner Young. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 pm.

Next Meeting: May 10, 2018