



**LIBERTY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

**February 8, 2018 6:00 p.m.
3rd Floor Conference Room City Hall**

I. Attendance

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

II. Approval of Meeting Summary:

January 25, 2017

III. Current Business

Presentation by Liberty Symphony Orchestra, Annual Grant Finalist Cory Unrein

Wall Art Update

City Staff

Joint Meeting with City Council March 5, 2018

Public Art Update- Exhibits

Carol

IV. Other Business

Election of Officers

Bill

Commission Vacancy- Filling the Seat

Bill

Liberty Arts Foundation

Greg / Heather / Shane

Art Partner Reports

All

V. Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 1, 2018 – Joint meeting with City Council. LAC will NOT meet March 8th.

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.

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Liberty Arts Commission Meeting Summary

January 25, 2018

6:00 pm

City Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room

The Liberty Arts Commission met on Thursday, January 25, 2018. The meeting was originally scheduled for Jan. 11th but was rescheduled to this date due to inclement weather. The meeting was called to order at 6:18 pm.

Present were Commissioners: Greg Duncan, Shane Immelt, Heather Jones, Anna Knackstedt, Katie Gregory, Karen Orrill, Phil Young, Carol Kariotis and Nathan Wyman. Absent: Aaron Money and Bill Stilfield. Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager represented City Staff.

A motion was made by Commissioner Immelt to approve the December 14, 2017 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gregory. Commissioner Duncan abstained. The motion passed with 9 votes in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

Current Business

Wall Art Update- Temporary Wall at Kansas & Water Street

Timeline- The application has been posted on Café Call for artists, which has a national reach. The deadline is February 26, 2018. March 1st the jury will meet during the day to make their recommendation, that evening LAC will meet to discuss the recommendation. This meeting will be in place of the March 8th regularly scheduled LAC Meeting. There will be a joint Meeting with City Council March 5, 2018 at 7 pm. All LAC members are encouraged to attend. The commission would like to better understand if official City Council action is necessary to hire the wall artist(s) and what the expectations are for the joint meeting with the City Council on March 5. Staff will clarify and let the Commission know. The Commission discussed the need for an alternate plan if no acceptable applications are received. Jones asked if there would be other funds available, to increase the honorarium. Staff will check into this. Another option could be to have someone design something then bring in students or another group to paint the wall. It was also suggested to paint a slogan, large and simple. Engaging High School art classes might also be another option. Ms. Thill will talk to area high school art teachers to see if it would be possible for this to be a part of their curriculum.

Review Annual Grant Applications

The Liberty Symphony will be invited to present as a finalist for the Annual Grant at the Feb. 8th meeting. Jones said she scored their application and liked the proposal. It wasn't clear in the application how they would bring in tourists from outside of Liberty and added overall, it did meet the criteria of our mission. The criteria specifically states applicants must articulate how the proposed activity will drive tourism. Commissioner Gregory said she has noticed the Symphony is doing more marketing to pull in people from the surrounding area. Commissioner Orrill said she thought the application was very well done. The spirit of the grant and the mission of the Arts Commission all seem to fit, according to Commissioner Duncan. Ms. Thill will invite the applicant to the

February 8 meeting to make a presentation to the group and provide more details about how this project will drive tourism.

2018 LAC Budget

Staff presented a draft proposed budget for the Commission to consider, based upon the programming and expenses from last year. For 2018 the Arts Commission has been allocated \$5,000 from the Transient Guest Tax Fund. There are also funds earmarked specifically for the rotating sculpture program and the grant programs.

Vice Chair Kariotis requested \$1,000 for quarterly honorariums for artists along with funds to buy frames and other necessary supplies for exhibits. Commissioner Gregory said that for 2018-19 the Library will cover honorariums from their programming budget. Commissioner Immelt said he has framing materials that he could donate. Commissioner Jones commented that Make Music Day is on the verge of being huge. She suggested that we might want to allocate funds from the miscellaneous line item to Make Music Day. Commissioner Jones proposed we allocate \$2000 to Make Music Day and \$500 to the miscellaneous line item.

Motion by Duncan to approve the proposed 2018 Liberty Arts Commission budget, as amended by Jones. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Immelt. The motion passed 9-0-0. Staff asked for clarification on the motion and Commissioner Duncan confirmed that the approval included the Annual/Mini Grants and Sculpture budgets as proposed.

Public Art Updates-

Exhibits -Vice Chair Kariotis reported the exhibit spaces are booked until Feb 2019. There will be a poetry reading at the Community Center with tea, involving a grieving support group. William Trowbridge and Mary Francis Wagner will both do a reading. Bill Stilfield will do Jazz piano with them at 2:00 Saturday, April 21st at the Liberty Branch of the Library. They may have book signings also.

Art Partner Reports

Liberty Arts Foundation- Commissioner Immelt reported they have a concrete contractor for China Slaughter Park. The tentative unveiling is April 26 at 4:00.

Symphony- No report.

Jewell- Commissioner Wyman reported that the art department at William Jewell is being disbanded. The Stocksdale Gallery will host "5 ½ Decades of Art," a retrospective on the career of Nano Nore, professor of studio art and art history, from Feb. 4-March 9. An opening reception will be held in the gallery from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4. The Music department has an Opera workshop at Gano Chapel at 7:30. Feb 16 & 17 the Theatre majors will have a show. The Harriman Jewell series, supported by the LAC Mini Grant program, was well attended. Commissioner Duncan commented there was a nice ripple effect as there were multiple performances. We might want to look at other opportunities to partner with them.

Motion to adjourn at 7:28 pm by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Immelt. The motion passed.

The next meeting of the Liberty Arts Commission will be February 8, 2018.