



LIBERTY
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MEETING AGENDA
November 8, 2018 6:00 p.m.
3rd Floor Conference Room City Hall

I. Attendance

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

II. Approval of Meeting Summary:

October 11, 2018

III. Current Business

Tourism Budget Update

Anna K.

Sculpture Program –

City Staff

People's Choice voting encouraged

Plumb Twisted in storage, Parks will discuss placement at next meeting

Public Art Update- Exhibits & Arts Collide report

Carol Kariotis

IV. Other Business

Liberty Arts Foundation

Greg / Heather / Shane

Art Partner Reports

All

V. Adjournment

Next Meeting: December 13th

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

October 11, 2018 6:00 pm City Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm

A motion to accept the meeting summary was made by Commissioner Immelt. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Money. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Current Business

Transient Guest Tax Committee – Commissioner Knackstedt reported they had a follow up meeting to discuss projected budgets for the next 5 years. We have requested an increase in the sculpture line item allowing for up to twelve in the future. Charles Small, the new HDLI representative on the committee, questioned the amount budgeted for the arts. Commissioner Duncan asked if it would be helpful to provide Knackstedt with information about how arts benefit the downtown and how it drives tourism. There was concern that these things are focused downtown and there are other businesses located elsewhere in the City. Commissioner Knackstedt commented it may help if we choose areas outside of the downtown for the permanent placement of the sculptures that are purchased. Commissioner Money asked if it would be possible to incorporate sculptures into the new I 35 interchange. Commissioner Duncan said MOT is driving the entire design of that interchange. We almost have to wait and see what opportunities might open up. Commissioner Money commented about how Blue Springs has sculptures at its main interchanges.

Placement of Plumb Twisted Sculpture- Staff reported she hasn't asked Parks about the placement of Plumb Twisted, given the recent tragedy that took the life of Cameron Leeds, who was instrumental in the installation of the sculptures. Councilman Duncan said we may want to consider, when the time is right, to dedicate the permanent sculpture to Cameron.

Councilman Duncan said Jacob Burmood's commissioned sculpture was unveiled at the National Soccer Hall of Fame. It is quite impressive. Learn more at nationalsoccerHOF.com

Public Art Update- Vice Chair Kariotis said the Arts Collide event at William Jewell was a very successful. There have been two open mic's since then with about 25 people in attendance. She shared the results of the evaluations from the events. The feedback was very positive and the people are asking for additional open mic events. The next will be November 17th at The Corbin Theatre. They have expanded the event to include singer song writers, poets and storytellers. Chairman Stilfield said he will promote the event to Make Music Day participants. Staff suggested we ask for zip codes of attendees on the surveys so we can track where people are coming from, to show it is driving tourism.

Exhibits-

William Jewell will be a popular place to exhibit. The 2019 dates and locations were discussed. They are still being finalized. Commissioner Money said at the school may want to do an exhibit. Vice Chair Kariotis will consider hosting a City employee exhibit during 2019, at least at City Hall. Kariotis said she is feeling tired and wants to recruit volunteers to oversee the hanging at each venue. Chairman Stilfield said Jessica (last name not known) who was at the last event expressed an interest in volunteering. The Library has an impressive exhibit of Sheri Whetstone's quilts. We will have quilts exhibited next June for the Quilt Walk in June of 2019. Photographer Bella Cordello is having a "Stars over Scars" event as a fundraiser in November. She is hoping to establish a non-profit organization to help people recovering from PTSD. Tickets are \$35.00 and open to anyone.

Other Business

Liberty Arts Foundation – Commissioner Duncan reported that the benches, a table and chairs have been placed at China Slaughter Park. That is the last thing to be done to the park. The intention is to donate the park to the City.

Chairman Stilfield commented at the last meeting that there wasn't any printed material at the Courthouse about the murals. Staff found that the County has a brochure and that they will reprint and put out for distribution.

William Jewell College - Commissioner Wyman reported the alumni art show had his opening last weekend. The hours are weekday from 8-6. The music department has a choir Oct 21st, on the 25 the symphonic band concert and Lessons and Scare-ols will be on the 28th at 7:30 at Gano Chapel. Much a Do about Nothing will be Nov 1-3 rd. The Clay County Historic Museum will be doing a Haunting Historic skit on the Square Oct 27th with High School students. Their costumes will be provided by William Jewell Theatre Department.

The Corbin Theatre- Chairman Stilfield report the Cemetery Club is the next theatrical performance coming up. November 2 & 3 The Corbin is doing a fundraiser called Precious Hearts (a one man show) the cost is \$20.00

Commissioner Money reported the school district has a lot coming up. Crazy Town, Alice & Wonderland and Mama Mia. There are 12 shows planned. Guys and Dolls tickets are on sale at lps53/tickets

Motion by Commissioner Wyman to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Money. The motion passed 7-0-0

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:07 pm.

Next Meeting: November 8, 2018