



## LIBERTY ARTS COMMISSION

### MEETING AGENDA

November 14, 2019

6:00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, City Hall

Attendance: Jane Boswell, Greg Duncan, Katie McDonald, Shane Immelt, Heather Jones, Anna Knackstedt, Aaron Money, Amy Steinbeck, Bill Stilfield, Nathan Wyman, Phil Young

- I. **Approval of Meeting Summary:** October 10, 2019
  
- II. **Current Business**
  - Discuss Mini & Annual Grant Prospectus Edits** All
  
  - Bed Tax-** Anna
  
  - Public Art Update-** Nathan
  
  - 2020 Exhibits-** Meeting with Library Shane/Katie/Staff
  
- III. **Other Business**
  - Art Partner Reports:
    - Liberty Arts Foundation Greg/Heather/Shane
    - William Jewell Nathan
    - Corbin Theatre Jane
    - Liberty Public Schools Aaron
  
  - New Business:**
    - Commission Contact Info Form/Manual Shane/Heather
    - LAC Planning Committees/ Volunteers Shane
    - Pot Luck meeting in January? All
  
- IV. **Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: December 12, 2019 at City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conf. Rm**

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 10, 2019

**Present were Commissioners:** Greg Duncan, Anna Knackstedt, Katie McDonald, Bill Stilfield, Amy Steinbeck, Nathan Wyman and Phil Young

**Absent:** Aaron Money, Shane Immelt, Jane Boswell and Heather Jones

Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair McDonald at 6:02 pm

Motion by Steinbeck to approve the meeting summary as corrected from the September 12, 2019 meeting, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Young. The motion passed 7-0-0.

### **Mini Grant Application-**

A mini grant application was received from local photographer Steve Karol. He is requesting a \$1000 mini-grant to cover the cost of framing his work to then be exhibited in 2020 at one of the local gallery's. The sub-committee considered the application and is recommending denial based on the denial of previous applications asking for inventory or cost of goods sold to be covered by the mini-grant. The Grant sub-committee turned down an earlier applicant that requested to have funds for items that could be resold. Commissioner Duncan commented that it is different when it is something intended for resale. We may want to clarify this and some other language in the grant guidelines. Commissioner Stilfield added that for performing arts the grant guidelines states the events must be free to the community, this also may need to be reconsidered. Other cities have them categorized into performing arts, visual arts etc. The artist has to feel like they aren't going to lose money on a project.

Motion by Commissioner Young to deny the application based on the fact that it isn't a proper use of public funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Knackstedt. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Commissioner Steinbeck said that Norterre has frames and they would be interested in talking to the mini grant applicant about displaying his work at their facility. Staff will follow up with the applicant.

### **Sculptures-**

Staff reported that all nine rotating sculptures were installed before Fall Festival. The sculpture brochure was distributed at the LAC booth at the festival. The Otocast app has been updated and is working.

Commissioner Duncan asked that in the next printing we use an image of the China Slaughter sculpture. We would then need to change the copy to the left. He loves the fact that when Liberty homecoming pictures were posted on social media that many of them were in front of "Reach" and "Oak Leaf Arch".

### **Bed Tax-**

Commissioner Knackstedt reported that the budget projections were discussed at the last Tourism Committee meeting. Also, Carr Strategies is not renewing their contract as the Tourism consultant because the owner has accepted a new job. They are expecting \$90,000 less for that budget than they thought so a lot of things have been cut for 2020. Commissioner Duncan asked why they are blending the

sculpture funds into one line item rather than itemizing. Knackstedt said the Tourism Committee didn't want to pigeonhole us into spending the funding in one way, adding that they did that with other projects in the budget too. Commissioner Young asked about the status of the hotels that are under construction. Commissioner Duncan said the hotels are doing what they need to do to stay current with the City. He added that finishing crews are at a premium and are working multiple job sites. All of the hotels are all hitting necessary milestones set by the City.

### **Public Art Update-**

Exhibits- Commissioner Wyman reported that Susan Fergusons exhibit ends at the end of November. She talked to the nursing students about her experience with breast cancer and is going to talk again on the 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 to the general public at Stocksdale Gallery, this will be a more general talk about her artwork. Holly Schenk will be displaying her pointillism work in December. They are very big pieces. Nov 4 thru Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Harold Smith will be in January and February.

### **Other Business**

Art Partner Reports:

**Liberty Arts Foundation** – Commissioner Duncan said they are working on their Annual Renewal for their 501 c3 status.

**William Jewell** – Commissioner Wyman reported Jewell theatre is producing "The House of Blue Leaves" that will be Nov 1-3. There will be two performances on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the next few weeks – Concert Choir will be in St Joseph, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm Lessons in Scare-ols choral Concert will be at Gano Chapel.

**Corbin Theatre** – The Corbin Theatre will be featuring Lou and Stella is a comedy Oct 25, 26 27<sup>th</sup> and November 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. More info is available on the website. On November 9<sup>th</sup> they will host The Bill Stilfield Quartet. The following weekend Nov. 15h is David Basse. He has toured all over the world. He is a great vocalist.

**Liberty Public Schools- No Report.**

### **New Business:**

**Grant Review-** Staff asked that the commission please take the time to determine if any edits are needed to the grant guidelines and be prepared to discuss at the meeting in November. We will put this discussion on the November agenda and possibly approve in December.

Staff commented that the project budget for the possible retaining wall art along Kansas Street has changed recently during a budget meeting. The Mayor indicated they may want to use a portion of the Enhancement Funds for improvements along Franklin Street, to visually connect the Jewell hillside with the neighborhood. Commissioner Duncan reported that there is consistent lighting on Jewell hillside and in the neighborhood. Vice Chair McDonald reported that she contacted Jeff Carpenter with the Blue Springs Arts Commission about the corridor improvements they have made, he would be happy to share details of how they incorporated artwork into their corridors. They had some public meetings and had the community vote to determine what artwork to choose.

**Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Duncan, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Young. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2019 at City Hall