



THE CITY OF
LIBERTY
 ARTS COMMISSION
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MEETING AGENDA
August 13, 2020
11:30 am

Zoom Video Conference or at City Hall, Admin Conference Room on 2nd Floor

Commissioners will be sent individual Zoom links to this meeting. If you are a member of the public and are interested in speaking at the virtual meeting, please send a written request by Noon on August 12, 2020 to PublicComment@libertymo.gov. Please direct questions Jeanine Thill at jthill@libertymo.gov or call 816-439-4537

Attendance: Garrette Brown, 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: July 9, 2020

II. Current Business

Introductions & Welcome new Commissioner Garrette Brown

Guest Presentation: Liberty African American Legacy Memorial

HDLI's Wall of Love idea – Update

Sculptures without Contract Extensions being picked up in early September

III. Other Business

Art Partner Reports:

Liberty Arts Foundation

Greg/Heather/Shane

William Jewell

Nathan

Missouri Arts Council Art Safe Pledge:

<https://www.missouriartscouncil.org/missouri-artsafe/#toggle-id-4>

Corbin Theatre

Bill

Norterre

Amy

Liberty Public Schools

Aaron

Old Business:

IV. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date September 10, 2020

Time & Location TBA

An ADA accessible entrance is available from Missouri Street at the Police Department entrance. An Elevator will provide access to the third floor for meetings in the Third Floor Conference Room.

Liberty Arts Commission Meeting Summary

July 9, 2020

11:30 pm Via Zoom Conference

Present via Zoom Conference were Commissioners: Greg Duncan, Shane Immelt, Heather Jones, Anna Knackstedt, Aaron Money, Katie McDonald, Bill Stilfield and Phil Young

Absent: Amy Steinbeck

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill - Community Development Manager, Katherine Sharp – Director of Planning & Development and Claire Rodgers – Marketing & Special Events Supervisor

The Zoom conference meeting (due to the Covid-19 Pandemic) was called to order by Chairman Immelt at 11:33 pm

Commissioner Money made a motion to approve the meeting summary from the June 11, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wyman the motion passed 5-0-3. Commissioners Duncan, Stilfield and Young abstained due to absence at the last meeting.

Current Business

Bed Tax Budget –

Ms. Thill commented that the draft budget included in the packet needed to be revised to reflect the expenses for the Call for Artist and the annual insurance, as discussed at the meeting last month.

Commissioner Duncan said the Otocast App (app for the sculptures) activity is interesting. He added that he thinks Otocast is cool and slick but he can't tell what we would lose by not doing it. Commissioner Stilfield asked if that would leave anything in the budget. Staff said it would not leave any money in the budget but the owner of Otocast has worked with other communities to get the price within their budget and he is willing to consider any offer. Commissioner Duncan said from November – June it looks as if 200 people used the App. Commissioner Money said we may have more coverage through social media. Commissioner Duncan said the cool thing about OtoCast is that is giving the information in the moment. On average about 35 people per month that use it. Commissioner Wyman suggested that we pause for a year and that we schedule a monthly walking tour next year. We can take it away and bring it back big the following year and use that money in marketing via Facebook boosts. Ms. Rodgers said something similar to the App could be produced through our GIS department, it wouldn't be exactly the same but similar.

Ms. Sharp asked if the budget will need to be reconsidered next year. Ms. Rodgers said this budget is through December. Commissioner Duncan asked if we could negotiate another few months and still leave some money in the budget. Ms. Rodgers said they have just shy of \$60,000 and the projected revenue for this year was \$300,000 prior to Covid-19. Commissioner Stilfield commented that we don't have anything to lose if we offer Otocast \$125 for the annual renewal.

Commissioner Jones said her suggestion would be to extend the contract with Otocast for another year. Ms. Sharp commented that it is a lot less work for the App programmer since we only have two new sculptures this year. Staff should ask if the contract can be extended for \$125 thru Sept. 2021 Motion by Commissioner Money to ask to extend the contract for \$125 through September of 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stilfield. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Motion by Commissioner Money to purchase "Prairie Ship" for \$6900 and for it to be placed in the prairie at Stocksdale Park, at a time to be determined. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion passed 8-0-0. The commission agreed that the expenses for the sculptures line items for concrete and the signage should be deferred and not part of the budget this year.

Art Partner Reports:

Liberty Arts Foundation- Commissioner Jones reported that she filed the annual report with the Secretary of State for the Foundation. They are still getting some donations from Walt's Coffee. Commissioner Duncan said when you buy a bag of the coffee the Arts Foundation gets a portion of the proceeds, which has been about \$15 per month.

William Jewell- Commissioner Wyman said they have a show scheduled at the Gallery in August. Taylor Crites spent years studying painting in Florence Italy, he and his friend Max will have a show together at the gallery. Both artists are local, from Excelsior Springs. People can come to see the exhibit and social distance on their own.

Corbin Theatre- Commissioner Stilfield said they will have a soft opening in August at Belvoir Winery the event will be recorded and streamed as a video. They are making plans to stream some musical performances also. Their lease expires in June of next year so they are searching for a new venue. Belvoir is under consideration as a temporary place because they would have to share week days and weekend. Shawn Garland contacted them about a building that she is purchasing on Main Street as a possible new location for the Corbin Theatre. They want to stay on the square, but just off the square is the next best thing. Commissioner Duncan asked why they are planning to move. Stilfield said they have been looking at a larger venue for some time.

Norterre- No Report

LPS- They are working on a plan for the new school year and the new wing. They are holding off on the fundraising effort for the Treble Clef sculpture.

The Library- Commissioner McDonald said there is nothing to report from the Library.

New Business

City Council did meet in person but masks were required. Staff will get a survey out about future LAC meetings.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Stilfield the motion was seconded by Commissioner Wyman. The meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm.

Next Meeting: Mid-Day, Thursday, August 13th

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	2020 Proposed Budget V3 Covid Adjusted														
2	\$16,000 Budget for Sept 2020-2021														
3	Insurance			24											
4	Call for Artists		470												
5	5 Extended Contracts for 12 mo. (to Sept 2021)		3000		5600 each										
6	2 New Sculpture Honorariums		4000		52000 each										
7	Purchase Piece- Prairie Ship		8900												
8	Otocast		125												
9	2 Temporary Signs for new sculptures		130												
10	1 Permanent Sign for Purchase Piece				5250										
11	1 new concrete pad w/ Labor (if needed)				\$150										
12	Labor (Parks or Public Works)				150										
13	Marketing				201										
14	Total Expenses 2020									\$ 15,000.00					
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