



THE CITY OF
LIBERTY
 ARTS COMMISSION
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MEETING AGENDA
October 8, 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 October 7, 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

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IV. Adjournment

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Absent: Aaron Money, Anna Knackstedt & Amy Steinbeck
Staff Present: Jeanine Thill & Claire Rodgers
Guest: Jackie Murtha, Kellie Houx
Called to order at 11:33 am

I. Approval of Meeting Summary: August 13, 2020

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the meeting summary as presented the motion was seconded by Commissioner Duncan. Motion passed 8-0-0.

II. Current Business

Guest Presentation - Sertoma Club Brick Project Shane Immelt & Jackie Murtha
Chairman Immelt introduced Jackie Murtha with the Liberty Sertoma Club. Today she is here to talk about a brick recognition project with Sertoma and the need for ideas from community members for a new location to install the bricks. Every year they nominate a person or couple that goes above and beyond for the community. This year they are honoring Greg and Beth Crowley- they are involved in making sure that beds get to kids in need. In the past they honored Shelton Ponder, Clay Lozier and several others with bricks in the sidewalk at the entrance into City Hall. Due to deterioration the bricks were removed from outside of City Hall and they need to find a new place for the bricks to honor the past and future recipients. She and Scott Page are working on the project together. They would like these bricks to be seen and they want community involvement in deciding where they should be placed. They would love to have it around the square or somewhere with high visibility. She would like feedback on where they might place this. Chairman Immelt asked how many brick they have, Ms. Murtha said approx. 50 bricks currently and more will be added each year. The Sertoma Club has reached out to Aimee Gray, who designed the new dog park, to see if her firm might help. Ms. Thill shared that a brick project was done several years ago in downtown Warrensburg on the courthouse square, one around the Veterans memorial and the other around the Old Drum statue the design they used might be something to consider. Commissioner Duncan asked if they could go back into a walking area. Ms. Murtha said that the bricks are bronze so they are easily replaceable. Commissioner Wyman said there is a brick project on the quad at William Jewell that they might want to look at. Ms. Murtha asked if there are any existing or upcoming Arts Commission projects that they could partner on. Commissioner Duncan said he can't think of a project that would lend itself to partnering. Ms. Murtha inquired about the Great Americans projects. Commissioner Jones said that the only way the City is involved in the Great Americans projects is when the sculpture is on City property. Chairman Immelt
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asked if Sertoma has a timeline for the project. Ms. Murtha said a timeline has not been determined yet. She said they are willing to purchase property. Commissioner Duncan commented that the property behind China Slaughter Park is now for sale, there is a sign on the land. Peter Schloss owns the property but Charles Small has it listed. Commissioner Stilfield said to have the walkway on public property and somewhere with a lot of foot traffic would be ideal. Commissioner Duncan said that because the bricks were previously on City property then the City would likely be involved. He added that the Library might be another option for a new location for the bricks. Commissioner McDonald said if the new library location is something they are interested in, she can connect them with the right people. Anyone can reach Ms. Murtha at Clay County Savings Bank 781-4500 email murtha@claycountysavings.com She encouraged anyone to reach out her with ideas.

Wall of Love Update- Commissioner Steinbeck was absent due to a death in the family. Chairman Immelt said Commissioner Steinbeck would be willing to help see this project through if she can work on it later. Commissioner Wyman commented he didn't feel there was a reason to rush. Commissioner Wyman said his student that is president of the student art club might be willing to help.

Sculpture Update- Ms. Thill reported that the sculpture "Growing Wings" will be installed on September 11th at 11 am at Kansas & Main. "Rusted Spire" should be installed on Sept. 16th although the details still need to be confirmed.

Commissioner Duncan suggested that the quote from the artist that made "Prairie Ship" should be used in the press release for the purchase piece and announcing the new sculptures.

Other Business

Art Partner Reports:

Liberty Arts Foundation- Commissioner Jones said that Walt's coffee is still sending donations to the Foundation for coffee sales. They deliver within Liberty and you can also subscribe to the coffee delivery service. You have to select how you want it ground and you must click on the Liberty Arts Foundation to have your donation earmarked for them.

Library- Commissioner McDonald said that the new library has a lot of great gallery space. There are two levels where art can be on display. They are looking for art to be on display for the opening. Commissioner Wyman said he knows of artist that has a sizable body of work. Commissioner McDonald suggested that they contact Melissa Stan at the Library. She is working on having the Liberty Arts Commissions logo on display at the Library. He added that there are cases for ceramics that are all enclosed, that are up lit. They can put art in these cases also. Chairman Immelt suggested they contact the Urban Sketchers also. The Clay County Archives are planning to have an exhibit. Commissioner Young asked if we have an honor roll of Liberty authors. Commissioner McDonald said there is a local authors group at the Woodneath Library. Commissioner Young asked if there is a section specifically for Liberty Authors. Commissioner McDonald said she will pass that idea on.

William Jewell – Commissioner Wyman reported that Stocksdale gallery still has the artwork up and it is open to on campus students. They recently had about twelve students attend a reception. This was not open to the public. They did have Immelt photograph all of the work. Wyman thanked Immelt for being so willing to help. They hope to get Taylor and Max's work online so people can view the work. On Oct 2 and 3rd (likely in the evening) there will be professional opera singers that will put on an outdoor performance, at the Troutner Arts Plaza.

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As of now the public will be welcome to come to campus for that, because it will be outside. Commissioner Jones said there was a couple from Liberty that was interviewed by NPR, it was a great story. Commissioner Wyman will check into this and send it to Claire to consider using this in publicizing.

Corbin Theatre – Commissioner Stilfield said that they are talking with Garrison School about a possible new location for the Corbin.

Norterre- No report

Liberty Public Schools- No report

Old Business- None

A motion to adjourn at 12:25 pm was made by Commissioner Young and was seconded by Wyman. Motion passed.

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