



**LIBERTY ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING AGENDA  
December 10, 2020  
11:30 am  
Zoom Video Conference**

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 December 9, 2020 to [PublicComment@libertymo.gov](mailto:PublicComment@libertymo.gov). Please direct questions Jeanine Thill at [jthill@libertymo.gov](mailto:jthill@libertymo.gov) or call 816-439-4537

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

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>Approval of Meeting Summary:</b>                       | <b>November 12, 2020</b> |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>Current Business</b>                                   |                          |
|             | TGT/ 2021 Budget Update                                   | Anna Knackstedt          |
|             | Sculptures Update   | Staff                    |
|             | Art Grant Applications- Discuss edits to 2021applications | Staff/Commission         |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>Other Business</b>                                     |                          |
|             | <b>Art Partner Reports:</b>                               |                          |
|             | Liberty Arts Foundation                                   | Greg/Heather/Shane       |
|             | Library   | Katie                    |
|             | William Jewell  | Nathan                   |
|             | Corbin Theatre  | Bill                     |
|             | Norterre  | Amy                      |
|             | Liberty Public Schools                                    | Aaron                    |
|             | <b>Old Business:</b>                                      |                          |
|             | Wall of Love Update                                       | Amy Steinbeck            |
| <b>IV.</b>  | <b>Adjournment</b>  |                          |

**Next Meeting Date January 14, 2021  
11:30 via Zoom**

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**Zoom Video Conference or at City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

Attendance via Zoom: Garrette Brown, Katie McDonald, Shane Immelt, Anna Knackstedt, Heather Jones, Bill Stilfield, Nathan Wyman, Phil Young

Absent: Greg Duncan, Aaron Money & Amy Steinbeck

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill

Called to order at 11:32 am

Commissioner Wyman made a motion to approve the October 8 meeting summary as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed 8-0-0. Correction: Commissioner Money arrived late, but was listed as absent and Commissioner Jones was absent too.

Anna reported that we had a little more revenue in the Transient Guest Tax (TGT) budget than we anticipated. For 2021 we should have the same funding as promised for 2021:

TGT Preliminary Budget for Arts 2021

\$3,810 for Make Music Day

\$1,700 Exhibits

\$11,000 Art Grants

\$37,720 Sculptures/Supplies/Insurance:

\$18,000 for 9 honorariums (\$2k each)

\$10,000 for a Purchase Piece

\$3,000 for Maintenance

\$6,720 for Supplies, Insurance, Marketing

Additional information:

- 2021 budgeted is set as if we will receive the same amount of revenue as we did in 2020 - \$231,620 is \$86,000 LESS than we had anticipated for 2020.
- 2021 budget was based on the 2020 budget - since we knew there would be limited funds, staff did not take funding requests for new programs this year.
- Most programs / events were able to be funded at the original 2020 budget amount - MMD, art exhibits and art grants.
- Ultimately we did not have enough money to fund everything fully. So the programs that were not funded at the original 2020 budget amount are the programs that are scalable such as sculptures but also advertising and wayfinding.
- 1 new hotel on 291 has opened and has been turning in taxes, which is new revenue to help the fund grow. This is helpful now (in a time of COVID when revenues are significantly down, adding new streams of income) and also, in the future new hotels = ability to invest in new programs. 2 more hotels are still, slowly under construction.

Commissioner Jones commented that is awesome news. Commissioner Wyman asked who our main advocate was at the meeting. Staff gave credit to Commissioner Knackstedt. She said the committee was very impressed with what the Arts Commission accomplished this year. Chairman Immelt commented that many programs in other areas of the country have been cut.

Wall of Love Update- Commissioner Steinbeck will take on this project when time allows. Commissioner Wyman will connect with his art club and connect with Commissioner Steinbeck to create a timeline.

Sculpture Update- Staff reported that Oto Cast App is updated and the new brochures are ready. Chairman Immelt asked if we want to consider any themes for the sculptures next year. Ms. Rodgers said she tagged the artists on Facebook, shared it to the tourism page and LAC page. They are working on a press release too, pitching a story that the sculpture walk is a safe activity to enjoy during the pandemic. New this year on Otocast; the purchased pieces are pinned to distinguish the rotating from the permanent. Commissioner Jones said given the fact that we are in the Covid era, we may want to caution the commission on having a theme as we may be limiting our options. She added that the artists may be more productive and prolific during these Covid times.

There has been a great amount of growth in murals. KC Spray MO is very interesting. He will send out a link to that. Commissioner Brown said Scribe is one of the most renowned artists in the country. Commissioner Jones asked what our deadline is to issue a call for artists for next year. Staff said February is when we usually publish it.

## **Other Business**

### **Art Partner Reports:**

**Liberty Arts Foundation-** No report

**Library-** Commissioner McDonald said things are doing well. They have had a few Covid closures, not locally but they are holding steady.

**William Jewell –** Commissioner Wyman said the gallery will be closed all semester. As the Covid cases increase the likely hood of having the campus open to outsiders in the spring isn't looking good. Jewell Theatre Company is editing the 1984 film. A link will be sent out when it is ready.

**Corbin Theatre –** Commissioner Stilfield reported that the move is done. They are no longer in the space on the square. The new location is at the Garrison Cultural Center. They need to put up the lighting and sound. They were considering a NYE program but that is still up in the air. They planned a musical review but now they are having second thoughts with the spike in Covid cases.

### **Norterre- No Report**

**Liberty Public Schools-** Commissioner Brown reported that they are working with Heritage Middle School. They are hoping to have a dynamic display.

**Old Business-** Staff said if anyone knows of any artists that might be interested in a show in the City Hall Atrium or at the Community Center in 2021 to have them fill out the online application.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Stilfield to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed.

**New Business-** Staff asked the commission to review the Art Grant applications and to send any changes to staff. Considering gathering of large crowds will not be allowed in 2021 we will want to clarify how drawing in tourism will be measured. This will be discussed at the December meeting.

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