



**LIBERTY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
May 13, 2021
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 May 12, 2021 to PublicComment@libertymo.gov. Please direct questions Jeanine Thill at 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

- I. Approval of Meeting Summary: April 8, 2021
- II. Current Business
 - a. HDLI Farmers Market Chalk Art Event Andrew Greenwell
 - b. Liberty Arts Foundation Heather Jones/ Greg Duncan/ Shane Immelt
 - c. Sculptures Staff
 - i. Alternates
 - ii. Replacing Rusted Spire
 - iii. Acquisition Process- City Council Approval
 - d. Make Music Day 2021 Bill Stilfield & Shane Immelt
- III. Art Partner Reports:
 - a. Liberty Arts Foundation Greg/Heather/Shane
 - b. Library Katie McDonald
 - c. William Jewell Nathan Wyman
 - d. Corbin Theatre Bill Stilfield
 - e. Norterre Amy Steinbeck
 - f. Liberty Public Schools Garrette Brown
- IV. Other Business:
 - a. Discussion of meeting times/format
- V. Adjournment

**Next Meeting Date June 10, 2021
11:30 via Zoom**

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

Absent: Aaron Money, Amy Steinbeck

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill and Mike Peterman as moderator.

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m. by Chairman Immelt.

Commissioner Wyman made a motion to approve the March 2021 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Young. The motion passed unanimously.

Current Business

Make Music Day 2021 – Bill reported they had their first meeting last month. The committee discussed if virtual performances would be necessary given the pandemic and they decided against that, since vaccines are now readily available. They also talked about asking Patrick McDowell to do live Facebook feeds on the day of the event. The matching site (the online site where venues and musicians sign up) is available but it isn't active yet. Kansas City is hosting a Make Music Day event this year. We did have several artists from KC perform in past years. The next planning committee meeting is April 15th. Commissioner Wyman asked if the advertising should say the Kansas City Area's "Premier Make Music Day" since we did it first. Stilfield said they are considering a billboard on 291 offered at a reduced rate by the Liberty Chamber of Commerce. Chairman Immelt said the matching site will be available 4-6 weeks before the event. Commissioner Jones asked if we should consider doing a joint venture for advertising with Kansas City. Commissioner Stilfield said he was asked to be on their planning committee so he can ask if they would be interested in partnering. They planned to do the event last year but they cancelled it, due to the pandemic. Chairman Immelt said we might want to also consider working with the local high schools. We can try to get posters up in the schools.

Transient Guest Tax Update – Commissioner Knackstedt said they will meet next Wednesday to review the grant applications they've received. They have not met since their last meeting.

Sculptures Update – Selection Panel Purchase Piece & Site Recommendations

The selection panel met and is recommending three options:

1. *Tangerine Daydream*; \$7,500 purchase price (negotiated as lowest price) to be placed in a location that people can interact with the sculpture.
 - a. Cates Creek Trail
 - b. Bennett Park

2. *Growing Wings*; \$10,000 – Possibly at:
 - a. Liberty Common’s Roundabout

3. Buy two sculptures with the possible financial assistance of the Liberty Arts Foundation; LAC Purchase *Tangerine Daydream* for \$7,500 and allocate the remaining balance of \$2,500 to *Out of the Woods*. That negotiated purchase price is \$6,500. This option would require exploring other funding options to bridge the \$3,500 gap. A possible location for *Out of the Woods* was not discussed.

Councilman Duncan said we would want signage of some sort if *Growing Wings* was placed in the roundabout at Liberty Commons - perhaps a place along the sidewalk. Commissioner Wyman said he would like to put it in a more public place, adding that Bennett Park is not a place where everyone in Liberty congregates. People gather in Liberty Commons, which gives the Arts Commission better exposure. Stilfield agreed that the roundabouts are a good place where more eyes will see it. *Growing Wings* would look great in a roundabout and get a lot more views than a sculpture in a park. *Tangerine Daydream* would be better placed in a park so people can walk under it and interact with the piece. Chairman Immelt commented that the art is supposed to draw tourists. We need to decide what is more important: do we want to grow walking tours or grow visual appeal? He said Sioux Falls has about 50 sculptures in their downtown and the majority of them are large pieces. Commissioner Jones commented that when the selection committee was analyzing what to purchase, that’s not the criteria that they are bound by. They were thinking of where it will be seen and if the site was appropriate. Councilman Duncan said the point is that Liberty will become a destination for art. The spirit of the overall theme is that we build a public art inventory and that Liberty becomes a destination. We can think of it more globally rather than individual installations.

Councilman Duncan said Option #3 only works if the Arts Foundation or someone comes up with additional funds. It would be helpful to first figure out if the Option #3 is something this group would like to pursue because there would be no outside variable to consider if we want to eliminate Option #3.

Commissioner Wyman said *Out of the Woods* isn’t his favorite and we might want to focus on one that we can afford. Commissioners Brown and Stilfield agreed.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald to eliminate Option #3 and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Knackstedt said while *Tangerine Daydream* was her first choice, locating *Growing Wings* in Liberty Commons seems like an easier path and higher visibility. Chairman Immelt said it would be an extremely good location. Vice Chair McDonald said the roundabout is a good placement and will create awareness among people staying at the hotels, inspiring them to explore more of our art and the city. Councilman Duncan commented that we have learned that the art in front of Lowe’s and Hy-Vee is often assumed to have been put in by the developer or one of the retailers; therefore, signage would be very important. Commissioner Knackstedt asked if there was something we could do at the base of the sculpture to put that messaging in the signage. Councilman Duncan said we talked about putting them on concrete or put in a pylon. If we put it on a pillar with some height, then we could put the Arts Commission logo on the pedestal. If there is a tall base, then it can create an opportunity for our logo. Keeping the messaging simple would be important. Commissioner Brown commented that he hasn’t seen the logo on other pieces. He said he didn’t think we can be too clear about who is installing these. It is important to give credit to the Arts Commission, perhaps with a banner at the site.

Commissioner Jones said marketing the public art that we have acquired does not have a budget line item. The budget should be considered when choosing the 9 pieces. Commissioner Jones said that we had said that next year we should request funds for marketing the permanent pieces.

Chairman Immelt asked if we need to make a formal vote on option #1 or #2.

A motion was made by Councilman Duncan to purchase *Growing Wings* to go in the roundabout at Liberty Commons and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Art Partner Reports:

- a. Liberty Arts Foundation – The Foundation Board has been in communication but have not met. Commissioner Jones said they will be trying to meet sooner than later.
- b. Library – No Report
- c. William Jewell – Commissioner Wyman said Stocksdale Gallery will be open to public showings in August. They will welcome off-campus visitors in the fall. They are moving forward with a project with the school district. The new jazz band will be playing at the football games. Also, in the fall they will have a Department of Performing Arts.
- d. Corbin Theatre – On May 3rd they will be hosting “Jazz at Garrison.” They might have another event on May 8th. They are starting to open up to the public. He thanked Commissioner Wyman for all of his help. He said he met with Steve Walcott and others to talk about stage changes that wouldn’t permanently change their venue.
- e. Norterre – No Report
- f. Liberty Public Schools – Commissioner Brown said a lot of schools are doing taped performances. They are working on “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory” for the kids.

Other Business:

The Artisan Market is having a public opening on Saturday at their new location.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stilfield to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wyman. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:39 p.m.

May 13th will be the next meeting.

HDLI Farmers Market <FarmersMarket@historicdowntownliberty.org>

Thu, May 6, 2021 at
1:35 PM

To: Jeanine Thill <jthill@libertymo.gov>

Hello Jeanine,

Here is my proposal to the Art Commission, please review and let me know if I missed anything. Note that I will only be able to attend the first 30 minutes of the meeting

The Downtown Liberty Farmers Market would like to put on an event during, and possibly after, our Saturday market on Saturday, July 3rd 2021. Our market is held in downtown Liberty from 7-12 every Saturday during the growing season. Our market is an event managed by HDLI (Historic Downtown Liberty). The mission of our market is to encourage community involvement, promote local business & support our local food economy.

The proposed event would be a series of community activities, most notably for our purposes today, a chalk competition.

Rules: each participant would pay an entry fee (amount TBD) for one sidewalk square in downtown. Participants would have a set amount of time to create their design (the market ends at noon, but we could go a bit later). After the allotted time three judges will walk around the square and judge the entries. The top entries will be given a proportion of the entrance fee (details on this to be discussed). The remaining entrance fee will be donated to a local charity (charity TBD).

Asks:

- Three judges to commit part of your Saturday to attending and judging the event (estimating a minimum 3 hour commitment, but the more time there the better, really looking to promote community engagement!)
- Input on the structure of the event
- Connections to local artist who may be interested in participating

I will handle all the logistics, make a poster to promote the event, reach out to KC-based artist, and other odds and ends task. The biggest ask from you all is getting three judges to volunteer some time on a Saturday and to tap into your artist network.

About me: My name is Andrew Greenwell. I have been the Market Manager since ~July 2020. I grew up in the KC area. I have worked in agriculture and food supply chains for over ten years. I hold a B.S. in Agricultural Science & an M.S. in Agriculture, Food and Environment.