



LIBERTY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY
June 10, 2021
6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Present: Garrette Brown, Greg Duncan, Shane Immelt, Katie McDonald, Anna Knackstedt, Amy Steinbeck, Bill Stilfield, Nathan Wyman

Absent: Aaron Money, Heather Jones, Phil Duncan

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Immelt.

Commissioner Knackstedt made a motion to approve the May 2021 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinbeck. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Current Business

I. Sculpture Maintenance

- Staff presented a bid on maintenance and cleaning of some of the City-owned sculptures.
- Zahner did an on-site assessment and recommended what we should prioritize. It was the consensus of the Commission to work on the pieces as proposed and to clarify if the bid includes immobilization of the pieces.
- Staff should ask Hilde DeBruyne if *Growing Wings* has a protective coating. With it being red, there is concern that it might fade. We should ask for the pantone color of red. We should ask for maintenance instructions from the artists when we purchase them.
- Vice Chairman McDonald suggested that when we consider purchasing a piece, we should consider the maintenance and anything else that might longevity of the piece.
- Commissioner Brown commented on the waxing residue on the sculptures.
- Councilman Duncan asked if the wind sculptures have been lubricated with Vaseline, as recommended. He recalled that was a recommendation and that the patina is meant to change over the years.

A motion was made by Councilman Duncan to commit to the \$2500 of work with Zahner as outlined in the bid. We can ask if our remaining budget of \$500 can be used to repair the *Other Extreme*. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed 8-0-0.

- II. Staff suggested that the Commission think about keeping our rotating sculpture installations at nine sculptures in the next budget year and asking for additional funds for maintenance of our permanent collection.
- III. Councilman Duncan suggested that staff follow up with Heather Jones regarding the status of the contract with Jaci Willis.

IV. Make Music Day

- Commissioner Stilfield said we currently have 35 performances (31 artists, 19 children) that have signed up for *Make Music Day*. The registration cutoff date is the 17th.
- Two years ago we had 56 performances over a 2-day period.
- Shane said under “Listings” on the website, makemusicliberty.org, will show who has signed up. There are about 10 performers that are returning.
- Norterre has an audience of 100 built in. They would like to offer their location from 2:00-7:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Stilfield talked to the *Liberty Summer Band* but they were not interested in performing, but they will do a good job of promoting it. Next year they may perform since it is on a Tuesday.
- Commissioner Brown said he can ask Aaron Money about what limitations there might be with involving students. There will be an article in the local newspaper about the event and a billboard on I-35.

Art Partner Reports

- a. Liberty Arts Foundation – No report
- b. Library – No report. They have some art in the display cases but the gallery is not being used as a quarantine area. Commissioner Wyman said he knows an artist that does large drawings that would be great for that space. Melissa Stan would be his contact. Carol Grimm is on staff and will be involved too. When you walk in, there is a space for a few pieces that could help promote the gallery.
- c. William Jewell – Commissioner Wyman reported that they have officially merged music & theatre at the college, it is now called “performing arts.” Commissioner Brown asked when they will be open to off-campus visitors. Commissioner Wyman said they should be open to visitors by the time fall semester begins.
- d. Corbin Theatre – Commissioner Stilfield reported that they reopened the first Monday in May with *Jazz at the Garrison*. They are still working on a few issues with the new space. They have some new people on the Board. Their next performance is in July.
- e. Norterre – They removed all the art from the gym area. Commissioner Steinbeck said we will probably remove them as a gallery location.
- f. Liberty Public Schools – No report

New Business

- Chairman Immelt reported that Commissioner Young is resigning from the Commission effective June 21. He told staff that he just isn’t getting around like he used to and thought it was best to resign. Staff will have a card for Commissioners to sign at the *Make Music Day* Info Booth.
- Commissioner McDonald asked if there is a Juneteenth celebration at Ruth Moore Park. Councilman Duncan said that in conjunction with the Missouri Bi-Centennial, there may be something later in the year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.