



**LIBERTY ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING AGENDA  
Thursday, December 9, 2021  
6 pm  
City Hall, Council Chambers**

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

**I. Approval of the November 4, 2021 Meeting Summary**

**II. Current Business**

**a. Budget**

**City Staff**

**List of purchases before year end:**

- **Banners for Make Music Day- Ordered**
- **Printing of Sculpture Brochures – Ordered**
- **Sculpture Lights – Shane’s research report**

**b. Continue Discussion- 25% commission on sculpture sales for future maintenance**

**c. Terms/ Officers- 2022**

**d. South Valley Middle School Public Art Based Project- Engagement Opportunity**

**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. Liberty Public Schools**

**Garrette Brown**

**IV. Other Business:**

**a. Feral Giraffes to be installed in early January**

**b. Plaques installed for permanent sculptures**

**V. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022  
6 p.m. City Council Chambers, City Hall**

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**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**November 4, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Attendance: Garrette Brown, Greg Duncan, Molly Hon, Shane Immelt, Anna Knackstedt, Katie McDonald, Bill Stilfield

Absent: Heather Jones, Aaron Money, Amy Steinbeck, Nathan Wyman

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chairman Immelt.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the October 14, 2021 meeting summary as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stilfield. The motion passed 7-0-0.

#### **Current Business**

##### 2022 Transient Guest Tax Budget Requests & 2021 Year End Forecast:

- Ms. Thill provided the budget tracker for the Arts Commission's 2021 projects with year to date numbers and clarified that there are still expenses that are not reflected in the handout showing the forecasted budget.
- The Commission agreed that we use the remaining funds for the sculpture maintenance and enhancement of the sculptures of the existing inventory.
- The Commission agreed that the maintenance of *The Other Extreme* should be a priority.
- Councilman Duncan asked why the *Feral Giraffes* sculptures was on the budget tracker and *Tangerine Daydream* wasn't. Staff explained that a check was cut through the City for *Feral Giraffes* (after funds were donated by John Canuteson), but for the purchase of *Tangerine Daydream*, the check was from the Liberty Arts Foundation to the artist, so it didn't go through the City.

##### 2021 Forecasted Budget Balances:

- The Commission discussed what purchases we need to make by the end of the year. They agreed purchases should include:
  - Maintenance of *The Other Extreme* should be top priority. Estimated to be \$7,000 for repairs, sandblasting and powder coating of the sculpture. Ms. Thill commented that the City only paid \$500 for this sculpture, so investing money in it to bring it up to our standards seems appropriate.
  - Signage/ plaques for permanent sculptures
  - Printing additional sculpture brochures
  - Banners for Make Music Day
  - Sculpture Lights – We got five a few years ago but two are damaged. These were for the rotating sculptures.

- General promotion of the arts commission's projects does not appear to be in the draft budget for 2022. We need to clarify with the City's PR department if they can do the marketing and promotion of our projects, or if we should ask for additional funds to accomplish this.
- The Commission agreed it would be ideal if the PR Staff could handle the marketing and promotions.
- Chairman Immelt said it would be nice to have funding for advertising in KC Studio magazine.

A motion was made by Councilman Duncan to request the draft budget amount as shown in column D of the budget spreadsheet. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair McDonald. Motion approved 7-0-0.

- Councilman Duncan suggested that we need to think about the sculptures as Categories A, B, C:
  - A: General Fund Items – Sculptures that LAC has nothing to do with, such as *Great Americans*
  - B: Sculptures that we have acquired thru the Transient Guest Tax Funds (TGT) - The maintenance for these should be funded by the TGT.
  - C: Sculptures that have been donated - *Feral Giraffes, Tangerine Daydream and China Slaughter*.
- Councilmember Duncan said he wants to make sure that we are not insuring pieces that we do not own. Commissioner Knackstedt will ask that at the TGT Committee meeting.

Consider a 25% Commission on sculpture sales/donations for future maintenance:

- Ms. Thill reported that there have been internal discussions among City Staff about how we might fund the public art maintenance in the future.
- She said many communities charge a 25% commission on all sculpture sales and those funds are used for maintenance of the public art. She has information from several communities that take this approach.
- The Parks department has a mechanism online where donations can be made and a fund through the Kansas City Area Community Foundation that LAC might want to consider if we chose to charge commissions.
- Councilman Duncan said it has a lot of potential and the devil is in the details. He thinks of it more of a surcharge than a commission. LAC isn't making the sale.
- Vice Chair McDonald commented that charging a commission doesn't seem like it should be our business. This may not be a good funding source for a fixed cost. The distinction is if it is a commission, we aren't representing them the way that a gallery. If it is tied to the piece, but not to commissions it keeps it tidy.
- There is some sculpture maintenance, such as donated pieces, that should be covered by the general fund. TGT funds should be used to maintain those purchased with TGT funds. The only things we don't have covered are things not purchased by TGT.
- The other thing to know about the General Fund is that it can be a dog fight. It's a pretty standard conversation to look for ways to pay for things that the General Fund doesn't have to pay for.
- Councilman Duncan said there are a lot of things that the City maintains, for example a developer putting in a subdivision and the City maintains the streets.



## Art Partner Reports

- a. Liberty Arts Foundation - Hasn't met recently but they filed their annual paperwork.
- b. Library - The gallery is up but they are not offering in person programs yet.
- c. William Jewell - No report
- d. Corbin Theatre - Commissioner Stilfield reported that this Saturday, Steve Walkon will do "Songs close to my heart." That is the only musical performance this month. There may be a theatrical performance of *The Nerd*, but that isn't confirmed. They will be having a gala/fundraising event the cost will be \$50 per person.
- e. Liberty Public Schools - Commissioner Brown said a lot of schools are getting their productions up and running. *Mamma Mia* will begin next Month. And LHS will be presenting *Oklahoma*.

## Other Business

- Commissioner Knackstedt said she went on the HDLI Trolley Tour and it was great; they shared on the tour that they are planning to install a new sculpture at Garrison school.
- Councilman Duncan said at the City Park ribbon cutting someone approached him asking when a sculpture would be installed in the park. He thought it was great to have someone say that, as it wouldn't have happened a few years ago.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stilfield to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:42 p.m.

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