



**LIBERTY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
January 13, 2022
6:00 pm
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 January 12, 2022 to PublicComment@libertymo.gov. Please direct questions Jeanine Thill at jthill@libertymo.gov or call 816-439-4537

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

I. Approval of Meeting Summary December 2021

II. Current Business

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Nominees for Chair: Anna Knackstedt & Katie McDonald

Nominees for Vice Chair: Anna Knackstedt & Katie McDonald

TGT/ 2022 Final Budget Approved

Anna Knackstedt

Sculptures Update

Staff

Call for Artists live online soon- Deadline April 1

2022 Purchase Piece Discussion \$10,000 budgeted

Art Grant Applications- 2022 applications open

Staff/Commission

Annual Grant Deadline: March 1 at Noon

III. Other Business

Art Partner Reports:

Liberty Arts Foundation

Library

William Jewell

Corbin Theatre

Liberty Public Schools

Greg/Heather/Shane

Katie

Nathan

Bill

Aaron

Adjournment

**Next Meeting Date February 10, 2022
at 6 pm possibly via Zoom**

An ADA accessible entrance is available from Missouri Street at the Police Department entrance. An Elevator will provide access to the third floor for meetings in the Third Floor Conference Room.

LIBERTY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY
December 9, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Garrette Brown, Greg Duncan, Molly Hon, Shane Immelt, Anna Knackstedt, Katie McDonald, Nathan Wyman

Absent: Heather Jones, Aaron Money, Bill Stilfield, Amy Steinbeck,

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by Chairman Immelt.

Commissioner Knackstedt made a motion to approve the November 4, 2021 Meeting Summary as corrected. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair McDonald. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Current Business

Budget:

List of purchases before year end:

- Banners for Make Music Day – Ordered
- Printing of Sculpture Brochures – Ordered
- Sculpture Lights
 - Chairman Immelt did some research and is recommending that we to order the lights from the same company that we ordered from previously.
 - There are several options the best is 1250 lumen with a better battery for \$425.00 each. They are lithium, rechargeable, and would look like the lights we had before.
 - All sculptures would be lighted. Some should be front and back lit.
 - Commissioner Knackstedt asked for those that are in their permanent locations, if there are utilities located underground. Staff was not aware of any.
 - The sculpture on Franklin near the Clay County Archives building needs to be lit, it is very dark over there.
 - Councilman Duncan suggested we go with the \$425 lights and buy what we can within our budget. We should prioritize by the permanent pieces.

Continued discussion - funding for future maintenance of sculptures:

- The Commission agreed to table this discussion until there is a time when we can have all of the Commissioners in attendance.
- Also, at the last meeting we talked about a different percentage and it being a surcharge concept. They would like it if for future discussions and agendas that we not put a percentage or use the term commission.

- Commissioner Knackstedt commented that we have ample budget for maintenance for next year, giving us time to develop a long-term strategy.

Arts Commission Terms/Officers – 2022:

- Staff shared that at the first meeting of each year, LAC is to elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission.
- Vice Chair McDonald asked if we could have people re-elected. Councilman Duncan said we can re-elect the same person if so desired.
- Commissioner Wyman asked if there is a process for asking for a leave of absence because he may be on sabbatical for a while next fall. Councilman Duncan said a temporary leave can be discussed at the Commission level.
- Staff will email the full Commission asking for nominations and, at the next meeting, staff will bring a slate of those that have accepted the nomination. The deadline for nominations will be January 3, 2022.

South Valley Middle School Public Art Based Project – Engagement Opportunity:

- The Commission reviewed the volunteer opportunity presented in writing by Kati Reid, a local middle school teacher. Vice Chair McDonald said it is a great opportunity for us to talk to a younger group. Staff said anyone who is interested in volunteering for this should let staff know or contact Ms. Reid directly.

Parade of Hearts – Possible Locations for two temporary sculptures:

- Our preferred spots are by the City Hall fountain and by the new brick wall on William Jewell campus.
- Staff said it is still unclear if we are going to get the hearts without paying a sponsorship.
- Mayor Rose of Riverside is on the committee and is representing the Northland.

Art Partner Reports

- a. Liberty Arts Foundation – No report
- b. Library – No report
- c. William Jewell
 - Commissioner Wyman reported that Susan Ferguson, fiber artist, is giving a talk on Saturday, and her exhibition is open until next Friday.
 - There is a new sculpture at the college by the Chapel and Presidents home; a bronze sculpture of a young woman. It is a seven-foot-tall sculpture donated by Shirley Pryor.
 - There are several sculptures on campus. There are four existing pieces of public art on campus that should be included in the city's sculpture brochure.
 - Commissioner Wyman will send staff info on the sculptures on campus for the brochures.
- d. Corbin Theatre -- No report
- e. Liberty Public Schools – No report

Other Business

- *Feral Giraffes* to be installed by December 29, 2021
- Staff reported that the bronze plaques were installed for the permanent sculptures.

- Public comment:
 - Shawn Garland, owner of The Artisan Market in downtown Liberty, handed out a brochure for her gallery.
 - One of the reasons why she wanted to give this out was to share her mission. It is to support local artists and to engage the public. She has 20 artists in her gallery and 85% are from Liberty.
 - She was part of the artists' commission in Naples, FL; then moved to Liberty and was surprised that there wasn't an arts commission.
 - She commented that she appreciates all the Liberty Arts Commission has done and how far we've come; but is concerned that our programs don't seem to support local artists, adding that Liberty doesn't have any local artists that do sculpture work.
 - In her view, the Arts Commission has committed a lot of resources to artist from outside of the area. She would encourage an indoor 'public spaces program' for local artists.
 - She suggested that maybe some of the money that is allocated to the sculpture program could be allocated to an indoor program.
 - She's had several people come into the shop and ask if they can donate to purchase a sculpture.
 - She added that she would like to be able to promote the Annual and Mini Grants in her gallery but she cannot answer their questions.
 - She asked what a successful grant application would look like. Staff said people can contact her or go to the Arts Commission page on the City's website; it has the application and details.
 - Vice Chair McDonald said she is the chair of the grant programs, and she sees that Ms. Garland has a strong connection to local artists. She asked Ms. Garland if she can make a presentation to her art students to help create awareness about the grant opportunities and answer any questions. Staff said they would be willing to speak to a group too. Vice Chair McDonald said she will call Ms. Garland to set up speaking engagements.
 - Councilman Duncan said the goal of the art grant program is to give the money away, but application forms are necessary because it is public funds.
 - Ms. Garland said getting grants into the hands of local artist grants would be great. She said she was disappointed that one of her grant applications was denied in the past.
 - She felt that it was denied because she projected to make money on the project. It was her intention to use it to start something new. Looking back, she probably would have applied for a tourism grant, so she knows specifically what they are looking for.
 - Vice Chair McDonald said maybe we can be clearer on what we are looking for in the grant applications.
 - Councilman Duncan said he had a clarifying question. He said Ms. Garland mentioned that she knows of people who want to contribute toward a purchase piece or an outright purchase of a sculpture in honor of someone.
 - He said the city has a Public Art Acquisition policy which allows for people to purchase a sculpture and donate it to the City. Three sculptures have been donated recently: *Tangerine Daydream*, the *Feral Giraffes* and *China Slaughter*; adding that the City can't accept cash donations, but there is an Arts Foundation that exists.
 - For the private commission of the *Feral Giraffes*, the Foundation was the conduit. It was a single party transaction.
 - Chairman Immelt added that for the *China Slaughter* sculpture there were many donors; it depends on how the donor wants to be recognized.

- Transient Guest Tax Budget Update - Commissioner Knackstedt said the 2022 Arts Commission budget, as amended via email, was approved by the TGT Committee and is going to City Council next week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Knackstedt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair McDonald. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:33 p.m.