



**LIBERTY ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING SUMMARY  
February 10, 2022  
6:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting**

Present: Greg Duncan, Molly Hon, Shane Immelt, Anna Knackstedt, Katie McDonald, Bill Stilfield, Nathan Wyman, Aaron Money

Absent: Heather Jones, Garrette Brown

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairwoman McDonald.

Commissioner Wyman made a motion to approve the January 13, 2022 Meeting Summary as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Immelt. The motion passed 8-0-0.

**Current Business**

Consideration of a Mini Grant application from Liberty Sertoma for a brick wall monument to recognize volunteers:

- Chairwoman McDonald said the grant subcommittee reviewed the application and they agreed that it is an excellent project celebrating people in our community, but they did not think it met the standards of drawing tourism nor does it meet the definition of public art.
- Councilman Duncan said he concurred.
- Commissioner Stilfield said he agreed.
- Commissioner Hon commented that in the application they acknowledged it might be a stretch for it to be considered public art.
- Councilman Duncan asked if there was another place to point them for funding.
- Chairwoman McDonald said the committee asked that same question and didn't come up with another source.
- Councilman Duncan said it is important to point out that it's public dollars that we are entrusted with and that while this is a great project, it just doesn't meet the grant guidelines.

A motion was made by Commissioner Immelt to deny the application from Sertoma because it doesn't meet the definition of public art nor is the proposed project tourism based. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stilfield. The motion passed 8-0-0. Staff will contact the applicant.

### Transient Guest Tax Report:

- Vice Chairwoman Knackstedt reported the next meeting is on February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Commissioner Stilfield asked if the tourism committee is still accepting grant applications.
- Vice Chairwoman Knackstedt said she isn't sure and would have to check the deadline date.

### 2022 Sculpture Purchase Piece Budget \$15,000:

- Ms. Thill reported that she stated the wrong amount budgeted for a purchase piece in 2022. The correct amount approved in the budget is \$15,000.

### Make Music Day:

- Commissioner Stilfield reported that they had their first meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> and it was a brief but fruitful meeting. They had some ideas for marketing. There are a few new things planned for the event this year: banners on the poles around the square and the fountain at City Hall will be dyed orange.
- Councilman Duncan commented that's fun and new.
- Also, there may be a new commercial created. We've already paid the dues and sent in the contract to the Make Music Alliance, giving us access to the matching site online tools. Commissioner Stilfield will be sending out emails to all of last year's participants.
- Chairwoman McDonald gave a synopsis of Make Music Day, which started in 2016. Adding that we were the first to bring it to the Kansas City area.
- Commissioner Immelt said you can find information on [www.makemusicliberty.org](http://www.makemusicliberty.org). He added that it started in Europe several years ago and, in the US, there were only 35 cities participating. Now there are 200 countries and 85 US cities.
- Chairwoman McDonald said there are several volunteer opportunities for that day.
- Stilfield said if anyone wants to come to the meetings or volunteer, to let him or Ms. Thill know.
- Commissioner Immelt said if you know of other musicians, let them know and encourage them to participate or check out the website.

### Call for Artists for Rotating Sculptures is live online:

- Staff reported that the call for artist is live on Café Call for Entry and the deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Other Business**

- a. Art Partner Reports – No Report
- b. Liberty Arts Foundation – No Report
- c. Library - Chairwoman McDonald said they have Leslie Levensgood's artwork at the Withers' branch gallery. Commissioner Wyman added that Susan Ferguson has her fiber artwork at City Hall.
- d. William Jewell - Commissioner Wyman reported that Kwanza Humphry is in the Stocksdale gallery, and from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. tomorrow night they will have light snacks and wine if anyone wants to attend. This artist is amazing and just got a commission for the new Kansas City airport.

- e. Corbin Theatre - Commissioner Stilfield reported that Corbin was voted "Business of the Month" by HDLI. Maggie Thomas will be performing later this month. March 1<sup>st</sup> Bill King will be doing a show. Next Thursday, he and Laura Barge will be playing at Johnnie's from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. They will be there the first Thursday of each month.
- f. Liberty Public Schools - No report

A motion was made by Commissioner Immelt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wyman.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:28 p.m.