



**LIBERTY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY
May 12, 2022
6:00 p.m. Council Chambers**

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

Absent: Heather Jones and Nathan Wyman

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairwoman McDonald.

Councilman Duncan made a motion to approve the April 14, 2022 Meeting Summary as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Immelt. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Current Business

Transient Guest Tax Report:

- Vice Chairwoman Knackstedt said they haven't met
- They have a proposal to allocate another \$25,000 expanding current marketing, these are ARPA Funds.

Make Music Day:

- Commissioner Stilfield – They started receiving registrations. They have four venues and six performers sign up. Traditionally they've had 50-55 performances. He feels they will come close to it.
- *The Pitch* magazine and *The Tribune* had an article in the online edition
- The Arts Alliance mentioned it in their newsletter.
- We only have four venues registered but he knows of two other venues that plan to register. Catch 22 will register this year. He is confident that those who registered last year will register again. He will stay on them until they do.
- The next meeting will be May 19 at 10:30am at The Artisan Market.
- Commissioner Money commented that KC is doing a Make Music Day event too.
- Second Baptist Church and The Artisan Market will be venues that have yet to register.

Art on the Side:

- Staff was asked to make a sign-up for LAC at Art on the Side.
- Vice Chairwoman Knackstedt said that Shawn Garland asked her if someone from LAC would want to present the check/award. Commissioner Money said he thinks it would be better if we let the organizers hand out the check. The check will be made out to the grant applicant/The Artisan Market for Art on the Side.
- Commissioner Brown commented that we should have a presence with a booth.

Art Grants:

- Eligibility of Parks for Art Grants- Ms. Thill reported that the Parks department asked if the Liberty Performing Arts Theatre (LPAT) would be eligible for a grant. Councilman Duncan said it might be inside money in a way but asked for staff to weigh in on the issue. Money said if its to fund the facility then that might not meet the intent of the grant funding.
- When KC Jazz (an Annual Grant recipient) played there, they were allowed to use the facility but the artist had to provide the sound and lighting. They considered it a City sponsored event. Vice Chairwoman Knackstedt said since the city doesn't do the programming, it might be appropriate.
- Councilman Duncan said the question is still the same, does the staff have any concern over a city entity granting funds to another city entity. LAC would like staff to discuss if a city entity should give a grant to another city entity.

Parks Murals:

- Commissioner Money explained that in February 2020, Parks and Rec came to Liberty Public Schools with the idea of a mural project designed by the students for the restroom enclosures, but then the pandemic hit so the project was put on hold. He said that he had kids do some designs, which he brought to the group for discussion and feedback. Commissioner Immelt said the designs should be photographed with the QR codes that they provided and have a people choice vote.
- They only need two: one at Arthurs Park and another at Westboro Canterbury.
- Commissioner Immelt asked if we should consider mylars that can be used yearly, so that it's yearly on vinyl. It would be an annual grant or a line item for Parks or the school district.
- Commissioner Money said we want to be careful about putting kids artwork on Facebook and let people comment.
- Chairwoman McDonald said the QR code is an important aspect. We could put it out just to City employees to vote. Something as simple as a fishbowl for people to vote on their favorite.
- Commissioner Money will likely write a mini grant to ask for finances to make it a reality. It could be an annual project. We might want to call them "Park Murals."
- Commissioner Brown said we could market it as art work in public spaces by students. We can have them on display in the City Hall atrium May 17- 19.

- Commissioner Money will drop off the artwork at 10:00am on Tuesday, May 17 and will pick them up on the 20th and he will calculate the votes.
- Commissioner Immelt will bring the fishbowl.

Other Business

Art Partner Reports:

- Liberty Arts Foundation – No Report
- Library - Chairwoman McDonald reported that they don't have an artist. We will have a new coordinator contact.
- William Jewell - Commissioner Wyman's report was emailed to staff
- Corbin Theatre
 - Commissioner Stilfield reported that "Jazz at the Garrison" was last Monday and the group is getting bigger. They will start talking to senior living facilities about their performances. Coming up, they are doing the theatrical "Laramie Project: Ten Years Later;" showings were/are last night, tonight, and Saturday. David Brandon will be there Saturday.
 - Maime Paris the Broadway actor met with Stilfield they have tentatively set a date in August 12 and 13 but that isn't firm.
 - Regarding the equipment grant they will put up some signage in the Corbin that will be there permanently crediting the arts commission.
- Liberty Public Schools
 - Commissioner Money reported that the Blue Star awards will be in two weeks. Liberty North had 16 and Liberty High had 11.
 - Liberty was named one of the best communities for Music Education.
 - Michael Dragen was named educator of the year.
 - The Creative Arts Academy will be doing *Moana* and *School House Rock Jr.*
 - Graduation is this weekend.

Other Business

- There are three vacant seats. Commissioner Money will be talking to Chris Gregoire about filling out an Interest Form. Staff will send a link to the Interest Form.
- Staff circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work the LAC tent at Art on the Side on June 11 and the Make Music Day tent on June 21. Vice Chairwoman Knackstedt said there are booths available for artists and booths for vendors.
- Commissioner Immelt said Ensbrook, Missouri and Columbia, Missouri have joined Make Music Day.

- Commissioner Money said he appreciates the connections he has made on the Arts Commission but he had decided not to be reappointed. He still wants to serve as needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Money to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:13 p.m.