



**LIBERTY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY
July 14, 2022
6:00 p.m. Council Chambers**

Present: Garrette Brown, Greg Duncan, Shane Immelt, Anna Knackstedt, Bill Stilfield, Nathan Wyman

Absent: Molly Hon, Katie McDonald

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Commissioner Immelt.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the June, 2022 Meeting Summary as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Immelt. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Current Business

Transient Guest Tax Report:

- No Report - They have not met.

Make Music Day:

- Commissioner Stilfield reported it was a pretty good event this year, better than he had expected because it was very hot outside.
- 31 performers that participated the actually in excess of 100 musicians. 15 Venues available 10 hosted. 51 individual performances.
- We had a lot of musicians that registered at the last minute. All except one were on the schedule.
- Commissioner Stilfield showed a sample of the map and schedule. Many performances were moved inside.
- The Heart of America Barber Shop Chorus sent a letter the next day, Stilfield read the email. Maybe next year we will have some flash mob happening. Vice Chairwoman Knackstedt will share that email with the Tourism Committee.

Out of Africa – Permanent Placement Discussion:

- Arthurs Hill/ Park doesn't get a lot of traffic.
- The Wilshire Park is at the corner of Wilshire and Liberty Drive- is out by the middle school and elementary school.
- Councilman Duncan said the location information and narrative from the Parks Department was very helpful. Every sculpture has different circumstances. The primary value is walking up to it - you see that the hooves are spoons etc. Even the Stocksdale Park roundabout you'd have to walk across a parking lot and Commissioner Brown commented that park has a sculpture already.
- Commissioner Stilfield said he likes Canterbury trail.
- Commissioner Immelt said Ruth Moore is more than populated enough.
- Vice Chairwoman Knackstedt suggested that we eliminate those that won't work, such as those only accessible by car.
 - Westborough- Is a possibility
 - Southview Tail – No
 - Bennett Park – Parks did not recommend another sculpture here.
 - Wilshire - At the corner of Liberty Drive and Wilshire, across from the daycare center. Walking traffic seems like it would be minimal. There is a lot of neighborhood walking traffic. Parks Staff commented that art would be hard to interact with at this location
 - Stocksdale Park - Might be a possible location. It could work if it was closer to the shelter. Maybe somewhere North West of the roundabout, maybe on the Pavilion side.
- Councilman Duncan said we might want to spread the sculptures around. The giraffe might be cool in the grass.
 - Arthurs Hill – It would be lost there.
 - Ruth Moore – Has existing art. The group said this wouldn't be ideal.
 - Northwyck- Is another destination/ neighborhood park.
 - Clay Meadows - Parks commented in their narrative that it wasn't an ideal location.
 - Jefferson Cates - Is a small neighborhood park. By the Jefferson Park Apartments. Art work would be susceptible there.
 - City Park – Not finished with construction and enhancements.
- The only two Parks that would be potentially good are Westborough Canterbury and Stocksdale.
- Off of Withers, between the driveway entrance and the parking lot at the Library, might be a good place.
- Commissioner Brown said he is leaning toward locating this piece either at the Library or Westborough Canterbury trail, suggesting that at the other trail head, near Park Lane, might be good. There is a playground area. That would only be foot traffic but there are parking spaces there. You couldn't see it and the Open Heart sculpture at the same time. The first or second star on the map provided by the Parks Department are preferred as there is a lot of foot traffic and kids wouldn't think of it as play equipment.
- Councilman Duncan commented that part of the allure is walking to it and finding it. On Park Lane – the third star would have the advantage of the parking lot, capturing Park

Lane, and it is across from the playground. Maybe Parks can plant wild grass to create a setting for the giraffe sculpture.

- The strong first choice of the Commission would be on the Westborough Canterbury trail by the third star on the map, on the east side of Park Lane, between the parking lot entrance and Park Lane. The Commission would highly encourage some landscaping such as tall grasses.
- The back-up choice would be the second star from the east.

A motion was made by Commissioner Immelt to select locations 1 and 2 as indicated in the discussion, on the Westborough Canterbury trail. The motion was seconded by Councilman Duncan. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Councilman Duncan asked that we have the sculpture cleaned and maintained before or just moving it to the new location. Vice Chairwoman Knackstedt commented we do have money in the budget to clean the sculpture.

Vacant Seats:

- The Commission was encouraged to try to recruit two new people to the Commission. Shawn Garland might know of someone, Commissioner Stilfield will ask her.
- Cameron Brenton who is an artist and the Mayor's son was agreeable five or six years ago. Cameron might be a good candidate after the Mayor is no longer the Mayor next spring.

Other Business

Art Partner Reports

- a. Liberty Arts Foundation – No Report
- b. Library - No Report
- c. William Jewell - Commissioner Wyman reported that Nano Nore has a wonderful display of paintings and drawings at the college gallery, based on the Beaver River in Nebraska where she grew up. The gallery is open M-F 8am – 6pm.
- d. Corbin Theatre - Commissioner Stilfield reported that the next thing that is at the Corbin is "Jazz at the Garrison," this takes place the first Monday of every month 6-8 pm, it is free to the public. In August, *Mame Paris the Master Workshop on Broadway* is scheduled for August 12th and 13th. It will be open to the public. There is a kids camp in a few weeks at William Jewell the 29th and 30th of July, they will be performing *Grease Jr.*
- e. Liberty Public Schools - They just wrapped up Creative Arts Academy. They did *School House Rock* and *Moana Jr.* just two weeks ago. They are in production for the fall shows. Liberty High School is doing *The Little Mermaid*. The new directors have been recognized. Georgia Barge was one of 80 in the nation that got to go to Juilliard in New York.

Other Business

- Meet the artist tomorrow night at TAM from 6-8 pm
- Invoice for less than the approved \$1000 from Dreamline Theatre Co. Ms. Thill shared that they reported they had several people travel from Columbia for the performance.
- Ms. Thill showed the Commission the sponsorship Thank You material from The Artisan Market

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:09 p.m.