



**LIBERTY ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY
March 9, 2023
6:00 p.m. 3rd Floor Conference Room**

Present: Garrett Brown, Molly Hon, Shane Immelt, Brian Kelley, Anna Knackstedt, Katie McDonald, Karly Schieder, Bill Stilfield, Nathan Wyman

Absent: Greg Duncan

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chairwoman McDonald.

Chairwoman McDonald said Councilman Duncan plans to fill the vacant seat on the Commission after he rolls off as our City Councilmember liaison.

Commissioner Kelley made a motion to approve the February 2023 meeting summary as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Immelt. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Current Business

Annual Art Grant Application from William Jewell

- Commissioner Hon reported that we received an application for the Annual Grant, it was an excellent application from William Jewell Cardinalis but the event isn't until next year. They want to fly a composer in for about ten days and do some workshops. Our grant guidelines and finance department require that all grants and programs take place before December 31st.
- Staff tried to see if we can reimburse them early or hold the money over but the finance department would not allow the roll over to 2024, since the fiscal year ends December 31. This led to some really good conversations to change the timeline for the grant applications. It cuts out events happening in January thru April, which isn't ideal. The timeline needs to be moved so a decision can be made in January. That would allow people to plan.
- Commissioner Brown commented that we could consider two application windows, fall for the next spring.
- The Commission asked the grants sub-committee to evaluate shifting the grant timelines and review how the annual grant could be restructured. They will come back to the full Commission with at recommendation.

Transient Guest Tax (TGT) & Mural Subcommittee Report

- Vice Chair Knackstedt reported that the mural sub-committee has not met yet.

- The TGT Committee awarded several grants, some of those were; \$1000 to the Corbin Theatre, \$5000 Artisan Market and Quilting is my Therapy received \$4000. Also, they are going to be part of a Disc Golf Tournament at Stockdale on July 8th in conjunction with this event HDLI is hosting an after-party downtown on Missouri Street with a beer garden and music.
- There is a new pilot program for promoting some of our non-profits such as Jesse James Museum.
- Art on the Side is happening on June 3rd and they have asked if we want to have a free booth at the event.
- Chairwoman McDonald asked if LAC would want to have a booth at the event. Commissioners Hon, Wyman, Schieder, Knackstedt and Brown said they will likely be able to volunteer for a shift at the LAC booth. Staff will coordinate.

Logo Redesign and Branding Update

- Commissioner Brown said that the logo and branding development timeline has been pushed back a bit. The next step is giving the Arts Commission logo options to consider.
- Staff and Commissioner Brown met with the consultants, Guild Collective, and went through the answers to the branding/logo questionnaire.
- Commissioner Brown commented that this is a great team and we have a great deal of trust in them.

Marketing /Communications Subcommittee Update

- Commissioner Wyman sent Commissioner Schieder a PDF of their upcoming show. The City's PR department will share it out. She will request bi-weekly to push out information on social media channels.

Make Music Day (MMD) Update

- Commissioner Stilfield said the MMD Committee met last Tuesday.
- Last time he talked about the proclamation from the Governor. There are six cities that are participating in MMD in Missouri. He has samples from other states that have had proclamations.
- The committee decided to advertise in the Explore Liberty Magazine this year. It has a twelve-month shelf life, giving more bang for the buck.
- The MMD banners will be on the light poles around the square several weeks before the event.
- If we can dye the fountain orange, we will.
- Venues can now register on the website makemusicliberty.org.
- Commissioner Kelley commented that we have a new Senator, Denny Hoskins out of Warrensburg. It might be fun for him to do a resolution for this event.
- Commissioner Stilfield said he will look into a state proclamation if he has time. They have talked about forming a coalition with other MMD cities in Missouri to do group ads.
- Commissioner Stilfield met with the event director for the MMD in KC, she will meet with their planning committee. The benefit of the coalition is to advertise as one in statewide publications.

Rotating Sculpture Artists

- Chairwoman McDonald commented that the group should start having conversations with their circle of friends about what sculpture(s) the Commission should consider purchasing for the city's permanent collection.

- The asking prices are on the brochure.
- We have \$20,000 in the budget for purchase piece(s).
- We will discuss this more at the next meeting.

Other Business:

The City's Admin department is looking for 8-10 pieces of photography on loan for their offices, if anyone is interested please contact Ms. Thill.

Art Partner Reports:

Liberty Arts Foundation- No Report

Library- The featured artist is David Mechum, sketches and caricatures. Chairwoman McDonald will send that info to Commissioner Scheider for publicity.

William Jewell- Commissioner Wyman reported that Sunday the 12th is the Wind Fest Concert. There is a concert choir on Sunday the 26th at St James Catholic Church – African American composers. April 13, 14, 15 and 16th A Mid Summers Night Dream at Peters Theatres

Corbin Theatre- Commissioner Stilfield reported that this past weekend they had On Golden Pond at the Corbin. It ran Thursday through Sunday. He had been going to the senior living facilities to help spread the word about the Corbin. They were very pleased with the turnout at the production and at Jazz at the Garrison. Lacy Carter is performing on March 12th a young vocalist. Auditions are coming up for Suite Surrender, if anyone is interested there is more information online at CorbinTheatre.com

Liberty Public Schools- Commissioner Brown reported that they will be installing artwork on the 20th on William Jewell campus and it will go until the 12th of May. Elementary, Middle and High School are each showing 8-10 pieces. Summer School registration opened and hit capacity right away. They are pulling in a lot of different mediums, like the art academy. This year the two productions are High School Musical and Annie.

The next LAC meeting- April 13, 2023. Due to the City Hall atrium construction future meetings may need to be virtual.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:11 p.m.