



MEETING SUMMARY

June 8, 2023

6:00 p.m. Admin Conference Room

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

Absent: Garrett Brown, Karly Schieder

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

Guest: Karen Ritter, PTA President

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Chairwoman McDonald.

Commissioner Immelt made a motion to approve the May 11, 2023 meeting summary as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelley. The motion passed 7-0-1. Vice Chairwoman Knackstedt abstained.

Current Business

- Public Comment Guest: President of PTA at Franklin- Karen Ritter. Ms. Ritter explained that Franklin School had a teacher pass away a few years ago from Covid, Leann Prichard, who was an artist. They thought it would be nice to have a piece of artwork placed at Franklin in her honor. They are raising funds for an outdoor classroom and were a designated school to have a new play ground installed. They don't know the timing of those improvement but they would like the Arts Commission to know that they would welcome a sculpture to be installed on their property. They were hoping the sculpture *Drop* would be installed at Franklin, but she now understands that *Drop* is supposed to be installed in Ruth Moore Park, in the Community Garden. They would like to install something before too many families have graduated out of the school that remember and work with Leann. She said there is some interest in *Agate Reflector*.
- Commissioner Duncan said the price might be negotiable if the PTA were to contact the artist to purchase it and tell their story to the artist. He also said that the Liberty Arts Foundation has been involved in purchasing and donating a piece in the past and that might be a resource for funding.

Sculptures Update

Permanent Placement of C'est La Vie-

- Staff said they receive a legal opinion from George Kapke, City Attorney, regarding placing City owned sculptures on other public entities property, such as the Library. The reply from Mr. Kapke was *"There would be no problem with placing City owned art on the property of other public entities (library). There could be in placing it on the property of private citizens. If we are placing our art on another's property, I suggest a MOU reciting that the City retains ownership, terms for maintenance of the art and provisions for terminating the agreement and returning the art. We may want to consider other issues like who insures the art."*
- Staff also asked Amy Blake, Risk Management Director, if placing a City owned sculpture on other public entities property would be okay from an insurance perspective, and she said it would likely be fine as long as there was an MOU in place.
- Chairwoman McDonald commented the Library would likely be thrilled if C'est La Vie was placed on their property, however this would not be the time to ask.
- Commissioner Kelley said he likes C'est La Vie being placed on a lower wall so people can get photo ops with the sculpture. He would recommend on the wall by the new Kansas Street entrance to City Hall.
- Vice Chairwoman Knackstedt asked when City hall construction would be complete.
- Staff said in the Spring but the Kansas Street entrance might be done earlier.
- Commissioner Duncan said if we do keep it downtown we need to be clear that we are making an exception to the concept of moving permanent pieces to outside the downtown.
- Vice Chairwoman Knackstedt said she is excited to hear that we can explore putting pieces in other public entities, it opens an opportunity for partnerships.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kelley that we place C'est La Vie on the wall of the Kansas Street entrance permanently, the motion was seconded by Shane. Motion passed 8-0-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Knackstedt to purchase the sculpture "Things are Getting Better" in the amount of \$2,000 to be paid from the honorarium line item budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wyman. The motion passed 8-0-0. This sculpture will be installed in the downtown area for one year as part of the 2023-2024 rotating sculpture program, then later moved to a permanent location.

Other Business:

Marketing /Communications Subcommittee Update- No report

The LAC Booth at Art on the Side-

- Commissioner Hon said she had 8-10 people that she talked to while working the booth.
- Commissioner Kelley said he worked 5-7 he said he thought that people thought it was over, as they couldn't see artists. He had a lot of people stop by.

Make Music Day Update-

- Commissioner Immelt said they need volunteers for the Information Booth at Make Music Day on Wednesday, June 21st from 10- 7pm. The booth will be located at the corner of Kansas & Main. Contact Ms. Thill if you are willing to volunteer.

- Commissioner Wyman volunteered from 10 am-12 pm.
- Commissioner Duncan said he is pretty flexible and can fill in gaps for the volunteer booth.
- Commissioner Stilfield reported that there are 64 confirmed performances. Eight have yet to be confirmed. This is a new record. He submitted a request for the Governor to make a proclamation but he got a certificate of recognition instead.
- Commissioner Duncan suggested that it be put in City Council packets.
- Commissioner Stilfield said he tried to copy it but it didn't copy well. He also reported that a Proclamation will be made by Mayor Canuteson at the City Council Meeting at 7 pm on Monday, June 12th. Commission members are encouraged to attend that meeting. Staff should give the Mayor a heads up that Arts Commission members may be present.

Art Partner Reports:

Liberty Arts Foundation- No report

Library- No report

William Jewell- The Corbin Kids Camp will have a show in two weeks

Corbin Theatre - Commissioner Stilfield reported that Jazz at the Garrison is growing. Next month they won't have it because the band is taking off that day. In place of that, Commissioner Stilfield and a few others will substitute and perform on July 3rd from 6-7:30pm.

Liberty Public Schools- No Report

Other Business:

- Commissioner Duncan asked if we have follow-up from tonight's presentation from Karen Ritter.
- The Commission agreed that a memorial sculpture for an individual is not in the realm of this group.
- Commissioner Duncan distributed a brochure that the County has at the Courthouse featuring the Murals of Clay County. The brochure is very nice and might be something that we could use. He used it for the Art Tour last weekend.
- Commissioner Duncan said the sculpture *Aloft* by Jacob Burmood was recently installed in Lee's Summit. He wondered if Lee's Summit doesn't require insurance, since that was the reason he withdrew his sculpture from consideration in Liberty.
- Staff will ask the coordinator of the program in Lee's Summit.
- The Summer Band started last Tuesday it was a great turn out. They will have several more concerts. Maybe there is a way for Liberty Arts Commission to be mentioned.
- Commissioner Stilfield commented he will be presenting to the Summer Band about Make Music Day.

- Commissioner Kelley asked about the task forces that the Mayor has established that might be have art opportunities.
- Commissioner Duncan said the Mayor is a proponent of the arts.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:12 p.m.