



**LIBERTY ARTS
COMMISSION**

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MEETING SUMMARY

January 11, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Google Meets, due to inclement weather

Present: Garrett Brown, Greg Duncan, Molly Hon, Shane Immelt, Brian Kelley, Anna Knackstedt, Kelley Wrenn Pozel, Katie McDonald, Karly Schieder, Bill Stilfield

Absent: Nathan Wyman

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chairwoman McDonald.

Approval of Meeting Summary- Commissioner Immelt made a motion to approve the November, 2023 meeting summary as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duncan. The motion passed 10-0-0.

Current Business:

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: A motion was made by Commissioner Immelt to elect Katie McDonald as Chair and Anna Knackstedt as Vice Chair for 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelley. The motion passed 10-0-0.

Budget

Anna reported the budget was approved. No changes to the funding but we did have a new budget line item added for a possible new event.

The budget for 2024 is:

- Art Grants - \$11,000
- Sculpture Honorariums - \$24,000
- Sculpture Supplies - \$5,000
- Sculpture Insurance - \$2,500
- Sculpture Maintenance - \$8,000
- Sculpture Purchase - \$20,000
- Make Music Day - \$5,000

- Art Galleries - \$1,700
- Outfitting the City Hall atrium gallery - \$10,000
- Continued LAC Branding - \$5,000
- New Event - \$8,000

Total - \$100,200

- Commissioner Schieder shared that she thought maybe a film festival, partnering with B&B Theatres, would be something fun to explore.
- The commission agreed that we should look into it.
- Staff will work with Commissioners Schieder, Wrenn Pozel and Brown to explore the possibility of this.
- Vice Chair Knackstedt encouraged the group to share any other ideas they may have for an event. She added that there is limited staff time that is available for planning and implementing a new event, but with a good partnership with others we might be able to do this.
- The Tourism Committee would like to see an event outside of the downtown area and also suggested that we might consider looking into partnering with Art on the Side or looking into a makers' market. We will have this on the February meeting agenda for further discussion.

Recognition sub-committee

- Commissioner Kelley said he would like anyone who is interested in serving on this committee should text him. He reported that Thank you cards and business cards were printed before the end of the year. He welcomes suggestions from the commission of people that should be recognized.
- Staff said anyone that would like some cards can come to 3rd Floor of City Hall to pick them up.

Logo Signage for Sculptures and galleries

- Commissioner Brown reported that the signs are ordered for the rotating and permanent sculptures as well as for the galleries. All of them have our new logo.

Sculptures update/ Art Selection Panel Chair

- Staff said the Rotating Sculpture Call for Artists is now live on Café Call for Artists. This is for the fall of 2024 installations the deadline is April 15th.
- Chairwoman McDonald reported that Commissioner Duncan has agreed to serve as the Chairman for the Art Selection Panel. Anyone who is interested in being appointed to that panel should contact staff. Chairwoman McDonald said she would be happy to serve on this.
- Commissioner Duncan added that he feels it is important to establish some continuity through the year. Perhaps the same core group will meet on some issues, and a larger group might meet to score the sculpture applications.

Other Business:

- Councilwoman Kelley Wrenn Pozel asked staff if anything came of the idea to have donated pianos on the square. Staff will check with HDLI on the status of this. She also said if anyone has items that they would like her to share with the City Council to please let her know.
- It was suggested that she share the Call for Sculpture artists is now open for applications.
- Commissioner Duncan suggested that the accomplishments summary could be a packet stuffer for City Council. He added that in the past Commissioner Immelt put together a power point documenting our accomplishments. Maybe this is something that could be shared with other groups, telling the story of what we do.
- Commissioner Stilfield thanked Chairwoman McDonald for sending the year's accomplishments in December. He asked if she would be willing to do this every year and have it archived.
- McDonald said she would be happy to do an annual accomplishment summary.
- Commissioner Stilfield also thanked those who attended his performance at B&B Theatre in December. He also reported that he has been in contact with Broadway actress Mamie Paris about possibly doing a workshop in Liberty.
- Vice Chairwoman Knackstedt added that the Tourism Grant application deadline is January 31st

Art Partner Reports:

Liberty Arts Foundation- Commissioner Duncan reported that the Foundation met and have outlined four core focus areas: Grants, Purchases, adding to their general fund and collaboration with other organizations. They will meet next week to discuss who else might be involved, they are open to any suggestions.

Library- Chairwoman McDonald shared that Stephen Wise has a show in the Withers Branch gallery.

William Jewell- No Report

Corbin Theatre- Commissioner Stilfield reported that Little House on the Prairie will be at William Jewell College Peter's Theatre January 18 & 19 at 7:30 pm and on the 20th at 2 pm. On February 5 at 6pm the Corbin Theatre will host a free event, a tribute to James Taylor and Carole King.

Liberty Public Schools- Commissioner Brown reported that an artist that created on of the Parade of Hearts came to the school and shared her processes with students. Also, there will be two high school shows; *Diary of Anne Frank* February 21-22 and *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* February 13-15

The next LAC meeting- February 8, 2024 in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Knackstedt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Immelt. The motion passed 10-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.