



**LIBERTY ARTS
COMMISSION**

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MEETING SUMMARY
June 13, 2024
6:00 p.m. City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room**

Present: Garrett Brown, Greg Duncan, Molly Hon, Brian Kelley, Katie McDonald, Bill Stilfield

Absent: Anna Knackstedt, Kelley Wrenn Pozel, Karly Schieder, Nathan Wyman

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

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

Approval of Meeting Summary- Commissioner Kelley made a motion to approve the May, 2024 meeting summary as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duncan. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Current Business

Community Engagement

- Chairwoman McDonald said that in an effort to get our brand out in the public view more she thought it might be fun to do an art themed Farmers Market at the Farmers Market and HDLI agreed to help make this happen on October 19th.
- Commissioner Duncan said he would like to have the Arts Foundation at the Market that day also. We can put this on a future agenda to discuss the details and how to promote further. We need to develop some take away that we can give out to promote what we do and offer something to engage the public. We could have a scavenger hunt for the kids and the rotating sculptures.

Recognition Committee

- Recognizing Shane Immelt is important to the group.
- Commissioner Kelley will look into an art related type of memento.

Art Grants- Accepting 2025 Applications Date

- Commissioner Hon said a mini grant application was submitted for an event in 2025.
- The group discussed when applicants and submit for a grant for the next fiscal year.

- The group discussed that it would be better to open applications in the fourth quarter of each year for the next year, contingent on the budget being passed. With the current deadlines, we miss out on the first two to three months of the year. In the grant application we should state “Pending Budget Approval”.
- Commissioner Hon said that since the grants are reimbursement there shouldn't be an issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hon that grant applications can be received in the fourth quarter of the year for projects in the following year, pending budget approval. Commissioner Duncan commented that the Arts was on the ballot language for the TGT funding, so funding the grants likely would not be a problem. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelley. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Staff will start promotion this at the end of 3rd quarter of each year. We should promote any remaining grants that are available this year.

Public Art Panel (PAP)

- Commissioner Duncan said they have not met.
- Ms. Thill said that she has done some research on RFP/FRQ's for a commissioned piece. She said if anyone would like copies to review, to please email her. She encouraged feedback from the group on what they would like to see in the RFP/RFO. The details and a draft document will be created by the PAP and come back to the Commission for final review before October.
- The 2025 Budget request for this will be drafted by Ms. Thill and Commissioner Knackstedt.

Continued LAC Branding Line Item Discussion \$5,000 budget

- Commissioner Brown said he is looking to bolster the marketing for the Film Fest. All of the events, such as our booth at the Farmers Market.
- He is open to ideas for giveaways. The LAC booth at Art on the Side was good but we should have more things to hand out. Maybe have some inexpensive things to give away.

Recognition Committee

- Commissioner Kelley said thank you cards were in the bags for artists at Art on the Side. He said he recognized Jack Rudel and also recognized Claire and Bailey in the Communications department. He talked to Mike at Personal Touch engraving and it would be about \$100 for a plaque with our logo and some wording to recognize him for his time on the Arts Commission.
- Chairwoman McDonald said we might want to have some standards to follow. Perhaps recognizing milestones at 5, 10 years of service.
- Commissioner Duncan said Shane having been a founding member is a different situation.
- Commissioner Stilfield said in the past it was nice when the City Council recognized outgoing members. Because he is an original member of the LAC it might be a resolution of

recognition. That could give an opportunity to recognize accomplishments. A glass type of artwork be nice that they could put in their home and showcase.

- Staff will begin making a list of Shane's accomplishments.

Make Music Liberty

- Chairwoman McDonald offered to work from 12-2 at the information booth.
- Commissioner Stilfield reported the Make Music Day (MMD) numbers as of today:
 - Confirmed Performances 45
 - Registered Performers 42
 - Registered Venues 18
 - 5 Pending performances

MASS APPEAL EVENTS at MMD

- Harmonicist Phil Duncan will be giving a harmonica workshop at the First Presbyterian Gazebo from 5:30 to 6:30. He also will be giving away free Harmonicas while they last.
- Djembe Dejanes Drum Circle,
 - This is great fun for families - percussion instruments, sticks, shakers, and other percussive items will be handed out on loan so that all attendees can join in the drum circle sounds and rhythms.

OTHER HIGHLIGHT EVENTS

- The excellent Heart of America Men's Chorus and Quartet will be singing at the Historic Courthouse / (Now the county Admin bldg) South Steps from 6:30 to 8:00 pm
- Manor Hill Summer Singers be performing at 8:00 am at the Manor Hill Elementary School

AFTER EVENT PERFORMANCES

- A Community Hymn Sing, at Liberty Second Baptist Church will be from 7:30 TO 8:30 pm Hymn Leaders from 4 local churches will take turns leading the hymn sing: These include
 - Bryan Taylor from United Methodist Church and the director of the Liberty Community Chorus
 - Danny Baker from St. James Catholic Church
 - Don Brown retired Music Department Chair at William Jewell College
 - David Fulk, Second Baptist Church.
- Tom's Town Jazz ensemble featuring Danny Cox vocalist will perform at the Corbin Theater from 8:00 to 10:00 pm. This is one of Kansas City's foremost jazz groups playing music from the Pendergast era when Kansas City Jazz was at its peak and features the jazz music of such jazz artists as Count Basie, Joe Turner and others.
 - Tom's Town is comprised of 6 musicians drawn from the Vine Street Rumble Jazz Orchestra.
 - And Tom's Town plays much of the same music as Vine Street Rumble. If you want to get a taste of this music just go to vinestreetrumble.com There will be no charge for this performance.

PRESS:

- Commissioner Stilfield did a Tuesday interview with Kelly Houx with the Courier Tribune.
- Yard signs indicating MMD venues and advertising banners will be going up throughout Liberty soon. We already have banners hanging from the downtown light posts.

CORBIN THEATER:

- I've already talked about the Corbin Theater's contribution to Make Music Liberty.
- Maime Paris will do a Friday evening and a Saturday. October 4 & 5th. Details to come.

Other Business:

- Commissioner Hon said she thinks having something interactive at LAC booths at various events would be really good. Cutouts where you put your head in and take a photo could be something fun. Or a picture and crayons might be an easy thing to do.

Roundtable-

- There is new art at the Community Center.
- The art wall at Kansas & Water has fallen down.
- The Parade of Hearts piece is one that we might want to bid on one. The concept is with the \$4,000 left in the purchase piece budget.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.