



**LIBERTY ARTS  
COMMISSION**

**LIBERTY ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING SUMMARY  
October 10, 2024  
6:00 p.m. City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

Present: Garrett Brown, Greg Duncan, Molly Hon (called in), Brian Kelley, Anna Knackstedt, Bill Stilfield

Absent: Katie McDonald, Nathan Wyman, Karly Schieder, Kelley Wrenn Pozel

Guests: Karen Hall from the Northland Symphony.

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

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

**Approval of Meeting Summary-** Commissioner Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed 6-0-0.

**Mini Grant application from the Northland Symphony**

- The event will be at the LPAT in Liberty on February 2, 2025.
- Commissioner Hon said that the grant review committee recommends approval because the performance lines up with what the mini grant is intended for.
- Commissioner Duncan said he was in favor of this and that it would bring 700 people to Liberty.
- The Commission asked Ms. Hall why they chose Liberty for the performance.
- She said that the venue was what encouraged them to apply for this grant, also the foyer area is a great space. They have sponsors and donors for this event. This request is for \$1000 they will impact about 112 kids with this event.
- Commissioner Hon commented that she is familiar with the organization.
- Ms. Hall said the organization is in its 58<sup>th</sup> year.

Commissioner Stilfield made a motion to approve the \$1000 grant for the Northland Symphony. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelley. The motion passed 6-0-0.

### **Flamenco Dancers Application**

- Flamenco festival submitted last year but the performances were not in Liberty. They have resubmitted for another 2025 event for classes, requesting \$500.
- Commissioner Hon said that the grant review committee had a few questions. The group wondered what would be happening at the private residence mentioned in the application.
- Commissioner Kelley asked where the dancing would take place. Also, they wondered how many students would be involved and how many would participate. We should know if they plan to charge to participate and how much would they charge.
- Commissioner Duncan said he wanted clarification on if this is open to the public. Is there going to be a performance at the end that the public can attend?
- In summary the commission has several questions: Number of students that will participate, what is the cost of the tuition, how is it open to the public? What is happening at the private home? What part of it is the festival and what part is a class or community performance?
- We need to be consistent, a similar application was denied in the past.
- Ms. Thill will reach out to the applicant with these questions and request that they submit another application with this information.

### **Current Business**

#### **Public Art Panel (PAP)**

- Commissioner Duncan said the PAP will meet on Oct. 24th at 4:00. As a requirement it could be a headache to have the location determined before the acquisition. The council's role is to address the contract. The group will recommend placement of; are Icosahedron, Things are Getting Better and where to have C'est La Vie placed quarterly. We will discuss multiple possible locations and a schedule- "It's an Egg Hunt!" could be the marketing.

#### **Transient Guest Tax**

- Vice Chair Knackstedt reported that they are still waiting for funding to be officially approved. The three locations for murals- Wall south of Crowley Furniture on the North side, an adhesive product is being considered. The second place is the wall by Wendy's the third place is by City Park on the rail road overpass. No one volunteer for the call for walls.

#### **Recognition**

- Brian thanked all that volunteered at the booth at the Farmers Market /Plein Air event last weekend. He will be sending out thank you notes to the artists and volunteers on behalf of LAC.

## **LAC Branding**

- Commissioner Brown passed out a copy of ideas for items to purchase for the branding efforts of LAC. Paintbrush pens were suggested, ¼ zip, sticker options. He is proposing using the Open Heart sculpture as the logo for now and others could be used in the future.
- The Commission like that idea. For people to know who we are, we need these branding items. We could give them as tokens of appreciation and also use as give a ways at community events.
- Other items discussed were LED Cubes, mugs, notebooks and a coloring book with our art in it. We have \$4940 left in the branding budget.
- The Commission agreed that stickers, the ¼ zip pull over would be a priority- would need sizes and quantity for Commissioners plus others the shirts with the heart on the back would appropriate but there is an opportunity for others.
- He can order stickers and shirts before the next meeting. We could have prize give always as an option too.
- Commissioner Duncan commented that having something desirable would be nice, a cool blue tooth speaker or something to encourage people to register for a drawing. A wireless charging doc or power bank is something people use a lot.

## **Film Festival January 24 & 25 2025 at B&B Theatres**

- Planning of the festival is coming along and all four films have been approved. A marketing push will begin in November. Tickets are available now.

## **Art Partner Reports:**

### **Liberty Arts Foundation**

- Commissioner Duncan said they printed 300 brochures and gave nearly all of them away. They have another one that will be used for campaigns. They do have more board members.

### **Library- No Report**

### **William Jewell- No Report**

## **Miscellaneous Matters from the Commission-**

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:04 p.m.