



**LIBERTY ARTS
COMMISSION**

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MEETING SUMMARY
December 12, 2024
6:00 p.m. City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room**

Present: Garrett Brown, Greg Duncan, Brian Kelley, Anna Knackstedt, Katie McDonald, Karly Schieder, Bill Stilfield, Nathan Wyman

Absent: Molly Hon, Kelley Wrenn Pozel

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 October 10, 2024 meeting summary as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Knackstedt. The motion passed 5-0-3. Three abstained as they were not present.

Film Fest Update - Karly Schieder

- 56 tickets have been sold for the Film Fest, which is January 24 & 24 2025.
- We need RSVP's from the Commission. We will need 2 tickets for each of the Commissioners.
- We will only need a few volunteers to work each night.
- We are working on the musicians to play in the theatres before each film.
- B&B is working on getting a Jazz band for the after-hours party.
- The after-hours tables will be reserved with names.
- Commissioner Duncan said that the Mayor is excited about this.
- Commissioner Schieder will email the video out to the group.
- Commissioner Duncan suggested that it be shown at the City Council meeting.
- Chair McDonald said she will work that night to welcome people.
- Vice Chair Knackstedt said that she will volunteer also.

Public Art Panel – Commissioner Duncan

- The Public Art Panel met and is recommending the following permanent locations for Purchased Sculptures:
 - *C'est La Vie*- Various public places, to be moved up to quarterly
 - *Icosahedron Fire and Water* Proposed Location- Ruth Ewing Park
 - *Things are Getting Better* Proposed locations:
 - 1st Choice: Wilshire & Liberty Drive
 - 2nd Choice: Wilshire Park near the sign

A motion was made to accept the proposed locations by Commissioner Wyman the motion was seconded by Vice Chair Knackstedt. The motion passed 8-0-0.

- Commissioner Duncan met with the Mayor and he expressed the exact same thing that the former Mayor, Lyndell Brenton said, that LAC should continue to think bigger and better for the arts. Also consider artwork at the 152 entrance to Liberty and ways we can make it more attractive.
- Vice Chair Knackstedt added that the TGT has been talking about that.
- Regarding the atrium – Staff will send Commissioner Duncan the proposal that was given to administration last year to send to the Mayor.
- Also, artwork on South Liberty Parkway should be considered.

Transient Guest Tax - Anna Knackstedt

- Ms. Thill said that it was suggested by others that we consider artwork on utility boxes though out the city as part of LAC's marketing budget.
- Commissioner Duncan said if we fund the utility box project, then we should be involved in selecting the artwork and which utility boxes have artwork, if not direct it.
- The Commission liked the idea of us having a stake in it.
- We could brand the utility boxes with LAC.
- Next year (2026) we could put it in its own line item.
- It was estimated it would cost about \$1600 for artwork on each utility box.
- We might want details to discuss the Utility Box project at a future meeting

Branding – LAC items ordered

- Commissioner Brown reported that we have ordered more LAC Branded items, to be given out to the community at events. Tumblers (30 oz) were ordered through Simply Modern 30 oz were ordered. Also, t-shirts and ¼ zip shirts and stickers were ordered.

Art Grants

- Ms. Thill reported that additional information was provided in the packet regarding the 2025 Application for a mini grant from the Flamenco Dancers.
- Chairwoman McDonald said the Grant Committee had some discussion about the Flamenco Dancers application. The application stated that some of the activities will be at Withers Library. From the information provided, it seems like what is open to the public would be the practice, but there isn't a performance. Twenty students are

anticipated, but we don't know where they are coming from and how that is driving tourism.

- The Commission felt that the impact on tourism is minimal and the public art experience doesn't feel like it's being met. They discussed if they could defend this if someone asked us why we spent money on this.
- Commissioner Stilfield commented that when Liberty High School wanted to bring in someone that worked with the band. Vice Chair Knackstedt said the difference is that the high school students weren't paying an additional fee. And in this application, there are only 20 students. If there was a performance at the end it may be different.
- We have not funded grants for the Corbin that had something similar.
- Commissioner Wyman asked how it is keeping prices down for the students.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Knackstedt to deny the application because the written application didn't make it clear if the grant would make it more affordable and the public access is limited. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schieder. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Liberty Public Schools

- Commissioner Brown commented that we could give pointers to applicants on how they could get approved for our grants. Liberty Schools has a template that Brown will send to Staff.

Recognition Committee - Brian Kelley

- Commissioner Kelley said all 18 people that were part of the Plein Aire event received hand written thank you's for participating in the event. Also, artist showing in the galleries received notes as well.

Art Partner Reports:

Liberty Arts Foundation

- Commissioner Duncan reported that they are not going to have an end of the year fundraising campaign. They have a new printed brochure targeted to donors that will be used in a spring campaign. They are looking at having a recognition event in honor of an outgoing board member. They had a social gathering at the Jewell gallery for Nano Nore's event.

Library

- Chair McDonald reported that Daniel and David Kirk's work is at the Withers branch.

William Jewell

- Nathan reported that tomorrow is the last day of finals. Nano Nore's show will be open for the next few months. Feb 7 they will have a musical review.

Corbin Theatre

- Commissioner Stilfield reported that October was not a good month for them.
- Maime Parris did her master classes, they had seven students participate, so they lost money on that event.
- They scheduled to have a fundraiser in October but they didn't sell enough tickets so they had to cancel.
- November was the last month for Jazz at the Garrison. They take a break Nov- January.
- Stars of Tomorrow will be held Dec 2-Dec 19th. Georgia Barge will perform Dec. 29th at Belvoir Winery.
- January 9-11 they will do Fiddler on the Roof at William Jewell.

Liberty Public Schools-No report

Miscellaneous Matters from the Commission

- Commissioner Duncan asked if there was a final event summary on the Plein Aire event.
- Staff will send it to the Commission.

Motion to adjourn by Stilfield. The motion was seconded by Duncan. Motion passed 8-0-0.