



**LIBERTY ARTS
COMMISSION**

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MEETING SUMMARY
January 9, 2025
6:00 p.m. City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room**

Present: Garrett Brown, Greg Duncan, Molly Hon, 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 6:01 pm by Chairwoman McDonald.

Approval of Meeting Summary

Commissioner Kelley made a motion to approve the December 12, 2024 meeting summary as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hon. The motion passed 8-0-1. Councilwoman Wrenn-Pozel abstained as she was not in attendance.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

A motion was made by Commissioner Kelley to elect Katie McDonald as Chairwoman of LAC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schieder. Motion passes 8-0-1. McDonald abstained.

A motion was made by Commissioner Duncan to elect Anna Knackstedt as Vice Chair of LAC. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wrenn-Pozel. The motion passed 8-0-1. Knackstedt abstained.

Film Festival Jan 24 &25

- Commissioner Schieder reported that the event is two weeks away. We will cap ticket sales at 150. We sold 137 tickets as of today. Tickets are \$20 for all four movies.
- Anna and Katie will volunteer that weekend.
- The after-hours party is an extra \$10 to reserve a table but that will go toward their tab at the after party.
- We have special guests to introduce films.
- All Council members and LAC members will receive a swag bag and two tickets to the Film Fest.

Public Art Panel

- Commissioner Duncan reported that the RFQ for the Commissioned sculpture for outside City Hall's Kansas Street entrance was published earlier this month, applications due March 20th.
- We have a \$100,000 budget for this piece.
- Commissioner Kelley asked if an architect will be on the PAP review committee or jury.
- Staff said that the group hasn't been finalized yet but a broad representation of people is required per our public art policy.

Transient Guest Tax

- Vice Chair Knackstedt reported that the Mural RFP is live.
- Commissioner Duncan said that he recently spoke to Greg Crowley and he didn't know about the call for murals. He said he would be happy to participate.

Art Grants

2025 Mini Grant Application Mama & Me Music Classes

- The request is \$1000 this year.
- This was something LAC funded last year with a \$500 mini grant.
- This year the applicant wants to offer an activity with the music therapist classes the funds for snacks and additional activities.
- The commission felt that the requested amount of the grant seemed like a lot of money.
- Commissioner Hon commented that she had attended the classes last year and she felt that they are high quality, with repeat attendees adding that there are people from out of town that come to the classes. They do an excellent job with marketing. The classes are monthly for an hour. The classes are typically 7-10 children.
- The Commission thought \$700 or \$750 would be a reasonable amount for the grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kelley to approve the application in the amount of \$750. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wrenn-Pozel. The motion passed 9-0-0.

2025 Annual Grant Application Northland Summer Singers

- The application was tabled to next month due to the fact that the Committee was not ready to make a recommendation.
- Commissioner Hon said she is working on an informational pamphlet on how to write a strong grant application, that should be ready for the next meeting.

Recognition Committee

- Commissioner Kelley thanked everyone for what they did last year. He will be trying to reach out to artist to thank them.
- Commissioner Duncan said Pat Birt who recently had an art show at the Community Center was so thrilled with her thank you note.
- The commission thanked Commissioner Kelley for taking the time to send the cards.

Art Partner Reports:

Liberty Arts Foundation

- Commissioner Duncan said they are working to get a mailing out.

Library

- Chairwoman McDonald said the Library is still featuring the Kirk brothers at the Withers Branch.

Corbin Theatre

- Commissioner Stilfield reported that tonight is the first night of Fiddler on the Roof at Jewell, tomorrow night and Saturday matinee and an evening performance.
- Tickets are only \$15 or \$5 for children.

Liberty Public Schools

- No report.

Miscellaneous Matters from the Commission-Roundtable

- Commissioner Duncan reported that William Jewell is having financial troubles. It is important for us to be aware and supportive and encouraging to the people affiliated with the college. There is a press release on their website.

Art on the Side (AOS)

- Commissioner Schieder reported that AOS would like a representative from the Arts Commission on their planning committee, and she will be out of town for the event day.
- If anyone is interested in serving on that committee, please let Commissioner Schieder know.

- Commissioner Kelley reported that the Libertyopoly game has an image of the heart, similar to our Open Heart sculpture on the token.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kelley and seconded by Commissioner Knackstedt.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.