



**LIBERTY ARTS  
COMMISSION**

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MEETING SUMMARY  
March 13, 2025  
6:00 p.m. City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

Present: Garrett Brown, Greg Duncan, Molly Hon, Brian Kelley, Anna Knackstedt, Kelley Wrenn Pozel, Katie McDonald, Karly Schieder, Bill Stilfield, Christian Vetter, Nathan Wyman

Absent: Molly Hon

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

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

Newly appointed Commissioner Christian Vetter introduced himself and shared his background in media and radio with the group. Introductions were done by all Commissioners

Commissioner Duncan made a motion to approve the February 2024 meeting summary as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelley. The motion passed 8-0-1. Vice Chair Knackstedt abstained as she was not in attendance.

**Public Art Panel**

**Greg Duncan**

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 20<sup>th</sup>. Today we held a Zoom pre-application workshop with artists that registered. We shared with them the s Vision and Goals of the Project. That it will be a commissioned sculpture will be:

- Iconic (scale, uniqueness, signature image for the city..)
- Conversational (people know it, talk about it, refer to it, take pictures with it)
- Welcoming (draws people to it, makes people smile says "This is obviously a cool place"!) )
- Timeless (can't be pegged to a trend, decade, "theme" etc.)
- Sturdy (stands up to Missouri weather, low maintenance)
- NOT a depiction of Liberty or landmarks, political etc.)

The commission agreed that this is a good summary of the groups vision and goals for the Commissioned Sculpture. The artist should not be limited to just the poured concrete pad in their proposals. To be clear, the main pad is the larger pad just outside of the existing planter box near the Kansas Street entrance to City Hall.

RFQ- the first round is due on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We have 45 that have submitted applications as of today. We are drawing broadly, coast to coast. Staff and PAP Chairman Duncan will meet with the PAP before scoring of applications begins. All scoring will be done by April 7<sup>th</sup>.

In the form of a recommendation the Public Art Panel (PAP) will be coming back to this group with which piece to purchase.

### **Transient Guest Tax**

Vice Chair Knackstedt reported that the mural committee is meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> to go over the four finalists. The finalist will present their final proposal design to the mural subcommittee, which consists of several LAC members.

The guest tax committee members reviewed tourism Grant applications. Plein Air & Martha Lafite partnering with one another. Bridging Art & Nature. LS Orchestra. Juneteenth, some were existing events that were sponsored in part by the TGT grants. In addition, they will be sponsoring the Liberty Half Marathon & 5k which will be on the 29<sup>th</sup>. KC Wide Open Block Party will be April 19<sup>th</sup>. Disc Golf event.

**Branding Update-** Commissioner Brown reported that he will make recommendations at the next meeting on the branding strategy for LAC for this year. He wants to sample the goods. He will do a survey. We should also think about things that we want to hand out at events.

**Make Music Day-** Commissioner Stilfield said we only have 8 venues schedules and 6 registered performers but we still have three more months to go. The afterhours performance will be a Jazz Band at the Garrison.

**Corbin Theatre** – Commissioner Stilfield reported that on April 24-27<sup>th</sup> is a theatrical performance called Lost Virginity Tour. Corbin Theatre Camp is planning a camp to teach theatre basics for kids 6-12.

Jazz at the Garrison has three new groups. KC Sax Pack next month. They will rotate every month. Starts in March and goes through November. It's the first Monday of every month and it is free. Acoustic night at the Garrison is the first Tuesday of every month.

**Recognition Committee** – Commissioner Kelley – Three artists have rotated and they have all been. We should have a card for the artist rehabbing Prairie Ship.

**Art on the Side-** Commissioner Schieder reported that they only have 6 spots left for artists at this event. She has partnered with the Corbin theatre, they will be doing plays at the Presbyterian gazebo. They would like to involve a dance studio. They have also partnered with someone to do a lawn mural at Mississippi and Main. The music stages are all booked.

### **Art Partner Reports:**

**Liberty Arts Foundation-** No new report.

**Library-** Chairwoman McDonald said the Library is hosting a show of Nano Nore. There is also a reception on Sunday. Please stop by if you can make it.

**Liberty Public Schools-** No report.

**Jewell-** Commissioner Wyman reported the following:

- **LPS Artist Showcase opens Monday and reception on Wednesday 5:00-7:30**

- **Jewell Performing Arts**

- **March 13**

Micro Operas

The SALT Quintet and Jewell students will present excerpts of five newly commissioned works drawing from the memoirs of real-life women. Three micro-operas by Kansas City-based composers Lisa Neher and Forrest Pierce and NYC-based composer Rachel DeVore Fogarty will be linked by quartets by Emily Feld and a piano work by Jeeyoung Kim to tell stories of strength, spice and preservation from generation to generation.

8 p.m., Forbis Recital Hall (Pillsbury Music Center)

- **March 24**

Student Recital: Emma Johansen

7 p.m., Forbis Recital Hall (Pillsbury Music Center)

- **March 28**

Liberty Symphony Orchestra Concert

"Concertos, Serenades, and Symphonic Metamorphosis"

7:30 p.m., Holy Family Parish, North Kansas City

> Free Tickets: [www.libertysymphony.org/tickets](http://www.libertysymphony.org/tickets)

- **March 30**

Jewell Choirs Concert

7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Kansas City

> Free admission; donations welcome

- **March 31**

Student Recital: Lukas Lockett

7 p.m., Forbis Recital Hall (Pillsbury Music Center)

- **April 4**

Student Recitals

Jordan Riley: 5:30 p.m., Forbis Recital Hall (Pillsbury Music Center)

Aniya Glenn: 7 p.m., Forbis Recital Hall (Pillsbury Music Center)

- **April 6**

Cardinalis Concert

3 p.m., Gano Chapel

- **April 10, 11 and 12**  
Jewell Theatre Company Spring Play  
"Columbinus"  
7 p.m., Peters Theater (Brown Hall)
- **April 13**  
Jewell Theatre Company Spring Play  
"Columbinus"
- 2 p.m., Peters Theater (Brown Hall)

- **LPS Show at Jewell – Garretts students will have a show**

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

Liberty High School got first place in Readers Theatre. North got one as well.

Council women Wrenn Pozel asked when the cut off is for voting for the peoples' choice sculpture. Staff said April 9 will be the goal date. That data will be shared with the LAC at their April 10 meeting.

Commissioner Kelle suggested that we put something in the display case on the second floor of City Hall. Maybe we should consider displaying the concept drawing of the commissioned sculpture or the new mural.

Commissioner Vedder asked if anyone has seen Art O Matic, adding that it's a cool concept.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Knackstedt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wrenn Pozel.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.