



**LIBERTY ARTS
COMMISSION**

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MEETING SUMMARY
November 13, 2025
6:00 p.m. City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room**

Present: Garrett Brown, Greg Duncan, Molly Hon, Brian Kelley, Anna Knackstedt, Katie McDonald, Christian Vedder, Nathan Wyman

Absent: Kelley Wrenn Pozel, Karly Schieder

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chairwoman McDonald.

Approval of Meeting Summary Commissioner Kelley made a motion to approve the September 11, 2025 meeting summary as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Knackstedt. The motion passed 7-0-0. (there was not an October meeting)

Chairwoman McDonald thanked the commission for all of their work and time commitment. She said we historically have a meeting start time at 6pm she asked if anyone would object to meeting at 5 or 5:30. The commission agreed to moving meetings to a 5:30pm start time starting in January 2026.

Current Business

LAC Branding Update / Swag

- Commissioner Brown reported that a lot of our items were given away at the Fall Fest parade. We are replenishing all the stickers, baseball cards, etc. Save the dates for the Film Fest were also given out at the parade. We plan to order the paintbrush pens, reorder trading cards, and possibly small baggies for the trading cards. Totes have been received that have the LAC logo on one side and the Film Fest logo on the other side. He is working on a new design for thank you cards, with different sculptures for the recognition committee. The parade float items will be purchased – a black and white kit for a parade float is available to purchase. Banners might be good. Sidewalk Chalk, colored pencil kit and possibly a 3 D inflatable logo that could be used at events.

Balloons and fringe for the float will be nice to have. Vice Chair Knackstedt suggested that we use our accent color of orange in some of our items.

- Commissioner Kelley asked about the LAC Tumblers.
- Ms. Thill said they are \$26 each. She still has two boxes in her office.
- Commissioner Duncan commented that we need to think about giveaways for the unveiling of “Stop and Smell the Roses”.

Post event Fall Fest Parade

- Commissioner Duncan said one thing we might do differently next year is to have fewer things to pass out. It was suggested that we not pass out candy, rather give out stickers.
- Commissioner Brown said we learned that it was great exposure for LAC to be in the parade. We may not add more cutouts of the sculptures next year. A parade skirt might be a good thing to have.

Stop and Smell the Roses

- Commissioner Duncan reported that the artist of the City Hall Commissioned piece, Amie Jacobsen, submitted the final design. She was able to turn it and make the sculpture a bit wider and make some of the design changes that we requested. Overall, she has been great to work with and the communication has been great.

Reel Liberty Film Fest

- Commissioner Brown said the planning is nearly done. He feels this will sell out.

America 250

- Art & Essay - Staff will ask Claire if LAC branding can be on this.

America 250 Film Fest

- Commissioner Brown reported that he is working on finalizing the trailer. We will promote that event at the Reel Liberty Film Fest in January.

Other Business:

Art Partner Reports:

Liberty Arts Foundation

- Commissioner Duncan reported that their next meeting will be in January. They will be printing business cards and plan to be involved in community events.

Library

- Chair McDonald reported that they have had a change in management. Andi Conn is managing that branch. Katie will be meeting with them to give them an update about our partnership. They are booking for next year.

William Jewell

- Commissioner Wyman reported that there are 61 pieces of artwork from Bob Steinkamp's art collection at Jewell's gallery. We might want to put a piece or two in the glass case on second floor.

Liberty Public Schools

- Commissioner Brown reported that The Phantom of the Opera will be at the Liberty High School Performing Arts Center between Nov. 19 and Nov. 22 2025. And at Liberty North High School, Mean Girls (High School Version) will be Thursday, November 20 through Nov. 22, 2025.

Roundtable

- Commissioners Hon and Knackstedt went to the Gala at Martha Laffite, it was a nice evening.
- Mural – Commissioner Knackstedt said the mural is up near the 152 & 291 intersection.
- Commissioner Brown said the installation looks great, he likes that if something happens it can be reprinted.
- The Commission wanted to continue with the KC Studio gallery ad in 2026
- Commissioner Vedder passed around with a variety of film productions. He thought "Community Film Collaborative" might be some thing to consider. He plans to update the galleries on their websites so maybe Liberty can be considered as the backdrop for films. Its more of a complicated thing to have a Liberty Film office. Liberty film. Org that will be his project name. MO Film and KC Film are the galleries he will update photos. This will be outside of his role with this Commission.
- Commissioner Duncan said we have to keep in mind that we can't be confused as representing Liberty or LAC individually. Commissioners must be sure they are not are acting on behalf of the city or LAC. We may need a disclaimer "not affiliated with the city or LAC" for example.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelley. The meeting adjourned at approximately at 7 p.m.