

MINUTES
Leawood Arts Council
January 26, 2021
Conducted via Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube

To reduce the likelihood of the spread of COVID-19 and to comply with social distancing recommendations, this meeting of the Art Selection Panel was conducted remotely using the Zoom media format. The meeting was livestreamed on [YouTube] and the public could access the livestream by going to www.leawood.org/.

Present: Anne Blessing, Dave Hazen, Burton Dunbar, Carl McCaffree, Julia Steinberg, Michael Shirley, Jessica Chanos, and Kim Hinkle; Chris Claxton and Holly York, staff liaisons; James Azeltine and Julie Cain, City Council liaisons

Anne Blessing called the meeting to order at 4:30pm and read the Covid-19 disclaimer.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Anne suggested to reschedule the next meeting for Tuesday, March 30, 2021 to allow for a more in-depth discussion without time constraints.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Kim Hinkle moved that the Minutes of the LAC meeting of December 1, 2020, be approved. Julia Steinberg seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Council Liaison Julie Cain reported that the goal session occurred the previous night and it went well. The 75th anniversary, branding, and the street signs were arts related items mentioned during the meeting.

Council Liaison James Azeltine added that there was a discussion about streamlining IT capabilities and the development ordinance.

APPI REPORT

Michael Shirley reported that Holly continues to work with PLAID Collaborative for the Art Masterplan.

Chris Claxton, Holly York, and Michael visited the potential donation piece in Hallbrook entitled *Praise*. They were pleasantly surprised about the quality of the piece. Michael believes *Praise* would fit great with the collection, and could replace *Skywriting I* as a temporary piece.

Inspiration is getting reappraised by Madison Fine Arts Group.

Holly York added that submission for pieces for the pool house are due on January 29th. An art selection panel meeting will be scheduled.

Holly also mentioned that the press release for *Inspiration* and *Women of the World* were picked up by the Shawnee Mission Post and the Jewish Chronicle. PLAID Collaborative submitted landscaping plans for both pieces. The dedications will happen in April and May.

UPDATE ON MASTER PLAN FOR PUBLIC ART

Holly York reported the following:

- The plan is not completed yet, but great progress has been made.
- Landscaping plans for *Inspiration*, *Women of the World*, and *Dancers*.
- 37 potential sites were identified throughout Leawood with several along Tomahawk Creek Parkway and some south of 119th

CULTURAL ARTS REPORT

Holly York reported the following:

- 17 winter break art kits were sold. There are 23 left over and will be sold next year.
- City Hall is still closed through March.
- Leawood Stage Company has postponed their spring show. It will be moved to next year. There is discussion about postponing Leawood's Got Talent due to low participation. Virtual readings are coming up through their Facebook.
- Leawood Public Art trivia through the Cultural Arts Facebook Page. One question for a week for seven weeks. There will be a winner each week who will receive a \$25 gift card. This will begin in March.
- Decals for the QR codes at each piece are being looked into.
- The City banners will arrive and be installed soon.
- Mr. Stinky Feet, Doo-Dads, Funky Mama, and Stonelion Puppet Theatre are all performing for Grinnin n Groovin.
- Summer Art Camps will happen this summer.
- The Kansas City Symphony reached out asking about performing at the Amphitheater. They might be looking to play the full orchestra.

GOALS FOR 2021: Sunday in the Park Concerts

Anne discussed the status of the Sunday in the Park Concerts including diversity of performers, offerings, and changing location.

Holly suggested Cinema in the City- outdoor movie showing at City Hall. Movies must start at dusk versus concerts that need to end at dusk. She has also reached out to the Kansas City Hispanic Chamber and other local cultural performance groups for inquiry and prices.

Chris mentioned that there are some opportunities to partner with indoor organizations, such as Johnson County Community College.

Council Liaison Julie Cain noted that the discussed plans are in line with City Council 2021 goals to increase diversity and be inclusive for all ages. She also suggested celebrating our Sister City relationships through events.

Burton Dunbar suggested calling the Kansas City Missouri Musicians Union to identify younger jazz musicians.

Anne mentioned that the concerts and movies should be two complete difference events to not confuse the public.

Chris suggested that the concerts should be spaced out instead of being week after week, which might improve attendance.

GOALS FOR 2021: LEAWOOD PUBLIC ART BROCHURE

Anne asked the group about their thoughts on the format and use of the Public Art Brochure.

Kim suggested a map with QR codes to link directly to a digital page to get more information about the piece. Also, the ability to print in-house when it needs to be updated.

Burton said that a lot of museums are moving their catalogs online because of the costs and accessibility.

Julie agrees there needs to be a digital brochure, however, she uses the paper brochure to physically show visitors and delegates and would like to be able to hold something smaller.

Anne thinks there should be a small amount of printed brochures available.

Chris agreed that a digital version would be easier to update along with a small amount of printed material. She anticipated professionally photographing the collection in fall 2021.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 30th at 4:30-6:00PM via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Submitted by: Holly York, Cultural Arts Supervisor