

MINUTES

Leawood Arts Council

March 30, 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, Burton Dunbar, Carl McCaffree, Julia Steinberg, Stephanie Hamil, Jessica Chanos, and Kim Hinkle; Holly York, staff liaison; James Azeltine and Julie Cain, City Council liaisons; Rick Howell and Brett Payton, PLAID Collaborative

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

PRESENTATION OF MASTER PLAN FOR PUBLIC ART

- Members of the Leawood Arts Council were provided a hard copy of the Master Art Plan draft prior to the meeting.
- Rick Howell and Brett Payton presented their master plan for public art including the assessment of existing sculptures, including landscape enhancements, along with 37 proposed future sites for art. They also recommended size/scale for the sculptures and potential locations.
- Anne asked if there are any additional proposed locations in the northern part of the City. Brett said that they have not identified additional locations because of the mass residential developments. However, PLAID will revisit this area to search for more.
- Kim Hinkle suggested adding the major cross streets to the art location map to better navigate it. Rick and Brett agreed and will make that change.
- James Azeltine asked if Public Works has been involved with the project. Rick responded that PLAID has collaborated with them for maps, but they have not consulted them for the specific sites. There will be further discussions about flood plains, utilities, and other factors.
- All LAC members are invited to submit any comments about the master plan to Holly.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Kim Hinkle moved that the Minutes of the LAC meeting of January 27, 2021, be approved. Julia Steinberg seconded the motion and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Public Art Impact Fee

- Anne Blessing said the following statement:

The City of Leawood imposes a Public Art Impact Fee on all commercial development as a means of funding the acquisition and maintenance of public art in the city. The rate of

this fee is currently \$.15/square feet of finished commercial floor area. This rate has remained unchanged since August of 2006.

Section 12-609 of Leawood City Ordinances requires an annual review of the public art impact fee and, as part of this review, asks the Leawood Arts Council for its recommendation regarding the amount of the impact fee in light of public art needs. The City Council was scheduled to take action on the impact fee at its meeting in March. On February 4, Anne emailed all LAC members and liaisons and asked for a vote via email to recommend that the impact fee remain unchanged in the current year, consistent with the recommendation of the City Administrator. The minutes of this meeting reflect that the members of the LAC voted unanimously to recommend that no change be made to the public art impact fee for the current year, and that this action was communicated to the City Administrator via email on February 24, 2021.

James asked to investigate how much money the impact fee has generated over the last several years. That can help inform whether or not to increase the impact fee for next year. He would also like to know if other municipalities have impact fees and what those are.

Thank you to Dave Hazen

- Dave Hazen made a decision to step away from the Leawood Arts Council as of March 1, 2021. He will be missed.

MASTER PLAN FOR PUBLIC ART: NEXT STEPS

- Anne said that the next steps are to correct the draft and have it approved by the Arts Council, and then the Arts Council presents to City Council.
- James suggested that the council should accept the plan rather than approving it because it could change in the future,
- Julie Cain asked about the distribution of the master plan. Holly York responded by saying that other municipalities make their art master plans available to the public. Anne suggested having the Governing Body advise on whether or not to make the art master plan public or private. .

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

- James reported that Parkway Plaza development (135th street between Roe and Nall) has been approved.
- Julie reported that three daycare facilities were approved for business along 135th street.

APPI REPORT

Holly York reported the following:

- The dedication for *Women of the World* is on April 23rd at 4:00 pm.
- The dedication for *Inspiration* will be on September 10th, so that the artist Rita Blitt can attend.
- There is still discussion with Continental Engineering about the site survey for *Skywriting I*.

- Progress has been made with the Art Selection Panel for the Leawood Aquatic Center, regarding artist submissions.
- Check out Public Art trivia through our Facebook for the next several weeks.

CULTURAL ARTS REPORT

Holly York reported the following:

- KC Symphony ensemble will perform in their mobile music box at the soccer fields at 119th and Tomahawk Creek Parkway on Friday, May 21st at 6:30 pm.
- Program Guides are mailed out.
- 2 family friendly outdoor movie nights at the Amphitheatre at City Hall- Little Rascals on June 11th and Babe on July 30th.
- 3 concerts in August- 123 Andres (for children), Everyday Strangers, and KC Latin Jazz Orchestra.
- LSC is moving forward with Seussical. The cast will wear face shields and have their own microphones.
- Summer art camp enrollment is open and numbers look good.
- Sarah Navran has been the Cultural Arts Intern since August 2020. She is a student at Oklahoma City University studying Entertainment Business. Due to COVID-19, she has been taking classes remotely.
- Grinnin' and Groovin' will be on Tuesdays in June.
- Historic Commission is working on publishing a book for the 75th anniversary. We are searching for local history authors and an RFP is available online.
- Some volunteers will be needed for future events.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 25th. Time and Location is TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

Submitted by: Holly York, Cultural Arts Supervisor