

## MINUTES

Leawood Arts Council

May 24, 2021

Conducted via Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube

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Present: Anne Blessing, Burton Dunbar, Michael Shirley, Julia Steinberg, Stephanie Hamil, Jessica Chanos, and Kim Hinkle; and staff liaisons Holly York and Chris Claxton

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

### CHAIR REPORT

Anne Blessing reported the following:

- She enjoyed the KC Symphony Ensemble Concert on May 21<sup>st</sup> and thanked Holly and Chris for the continued partnership.
- More information on the Public Art Impact Fee will be discussed at a later time.
- Kim Hinkle was appointed as the Vice Chair of the Leawood Arts Council.

### APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

Julia Steinberg moved that the Minutes of the LAC meeting of March 30, 2021, be approved. Burton Dunbar seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

City Council liaisons, James Azeltine and Julie Cain, were unable to attend.

### MASTER PLAN FOR PUBLIC ART UPDATE

Holly York said that PLAID Collaborative is updating the Public Art Master Plan for the City Council work session on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. They will present the document with the updated edits from the Arts Council. Chris Claxton mentioned that acceptance of the Master Plan will occur at a following meeting in late June or early July.

### APPI REPORT

APPI recommends an artwork proposal by Dierk Van Keppel for the new Leawood Aquatic Center. LAC members received a packet of information, including renderings, about the artist and the piece. Kim Hinkle moved to accept APPI recommendation and recommended approval to the City Council. Julia Steinberg seconded the motion. Unanimously accepted.

APPI recommends the acceptance of a donated art piece by a Leawood resident. The sculpture is titled *Praise* by Bruce Niemi. LAC members received a packet of information about the artist, the piece, and the appraisal report. Anne Blessing moved to accept APPI's recommendation with the proviso that the sculpture will be located at a site determined by the Master Art Plan. Michael Shirley seconded the motion. Unanimously accepted.

Holly York reported the following:

- The art dedication of *Women of the World* was on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> with about 40 people in attendance
- The site survey for *Skywriting I* is still being conducted by Continental Engineering.
- The art dedication of *Inspiration* will be Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- A photographer has been contacted to take photos for the Public Art brochure.
- The Ironhorse Clubhouse is being remodeled and the architects' renderings featured a painting by Lawrence based artist Lisa Grossman placed in the lobby. This is just an option and more information will be provided at a later date.

### **CULTURAL ARTS REPORT**

Holly York reported the following:

- KC Symphony Ensemble Concert was on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> with 350 in attendance
- Cinema in the City will show *The Little Rascals* on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and *Babe* on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Art camps begin in June. There are a few spots left in each camp besides Art Party. The instructor is a recent KU Art Education graduate.
- Grinnin' & Groovin' will be on Tuesdays throughout June starting on the 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The Oxford Schoolhouse will open Tuesday-Sunday. Schoolhouse Tales will be offered Wednesdays in July.
- 123 Andres, a family fun concert, will be on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The Summer Sounds of Leawood Concert Series will be in August. Everyday Strangers will perform on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Pablo Sanhueza and KC Latin Jazz All-Stars will perform on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The art dedication of *Inspiration* will be on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Leawood Stage Company's production "Seussical" will be at Ironwoods Park in July.
- The author for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary history book was approved.
- City facilities are reopening June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Holly will send Michael Shirley information regarding events at City Hall for him to share with his HOA.

### **LEAWOOD'S 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Anne reminded the council that the City's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary is in 2023 and the council has discussed acquiring a signature piece to celebrate the anniversary.

Julia recommended the council should develop a mission/purpose/goal for the direction of selecting a piece. Holly suggested creating a statement with broad terms. Michael suggested researching what other cities have done, regarding public art, to commemorate significant anniversaries. Holly will look into that request.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 2021. Time and Location is TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

Submitted by: Holly York, Cultural Arts Supervisor