

Leawood Arts Council
Thursday, October 14, 2021
1:00 p.m. – Conducted via Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube

Present: Anne Blessing, Burton Dunbar, Jessica Chanos, Julia Steinberg, Carl McCaffree, City Council Liaison Julie Cain; and Staff Liaisons Chris Claxton and Holly York.

Anne Blessing called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

SITE RECOMMENDATION OF “PRAISE”

Anne discussed APPI’s recommendation that “Praise” by Bruce Niemi, donated to the City by Christopher and Bridget Lee, be placed on the front lawn of Fire Station #3. Holly York showed a photo shopped image of the sculpture on the lawn of Fire Station #3, the image was also distributed to the Council prior to the meeting. Chris Claxton stated that staff is looking into black granite for the base of the sculpture along with Mexican pebbles around the edge of the base. The group agreed the black granite would enhance the sculpture and site. Burton Dunbar asked about lighting of the sculpture. Holly stated that four lights will be aligned with each corner of the base. Chris confirmed that the placement of the sculpture will not interfere with the flagpole, fire station sign, or the widening of Mission Road, when that occurs. Carl McCaffree moved to accept APPI’s site recommendation for “Praise” by Bruce Niemi to be installed at Fire Station #3. Julia Steinberg seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 P.M.

The next meeting is TBD

Submitted by: Holly York, Cultural Arts Supervisor