

Leawood Arts Council
Tuesday, November 30, 2021
5:30 p.m. – Council Chambers in City Hall and Zoom

Present: Anne Blessing (Chair), Kim Hinkle, Julia Steinberg, Jessica Chanos, Burton Dunbar, Carl McCaffree, Staff Liaisons Chris Claxton and Holly York

Anne Blessing called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Anne along with Stephanie Hamil, City Council liaison Julie Cain and staff liaison Holly York attended the Rock Cottage Glassworks, Inc open house. Julia Steinberg attended the open house with another organization she is a member of. The group saw a few of the rondels which will be used for the art pieces at the Leawood Aquatic Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kim Hinkle motioned to approve the LAC Minutes from September 23, 2021 and October 14, 2021 meetings. Jessica Chanos seconded the motion and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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

APPI REPORT

Kim reported:

- Site plans for “Skywriting I”, in the sculpture park, were approved by the Governing Body. The sculpture will stay in its current location until another sculpture on loan is identified to replace it.
- Site plans for “Praise” at Fire Station #3 were approved by the Planning Commission. It will then go the Governing Body for final approval.
- The art selection panel for the 75th anniversary has met several times and narrowed down two possible sculpture locations. The RFP is expected to be made public in December or January.

CULTURAL ARTS REPORT

Holly reported:

- Twenty-six teams participated in the 2nd annual Puzzle Palooza. The puzzle featured the public art sculpture “Spooked” by Stephen LeBlanc. This multi-generational event was well received with some teams wearing matching shirts.
- There will be 3 art camps and a history camp offered this summer.
- Performers have been booked for Grinnin and Groovin.
- Leawood Stage Company will present the musical, “The Addams Family” this summer.
- Outdoor concerts will take place in September at City Park.
- Upcoming Art Dedications in the spring.
- Parade of Hearts: a temporary KC heart logo sculpture will be placed in Leawood from March-June.

2022 MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Due to conflicts with the Planning Commission on the fourth Tuesday of the month, Anne asked the Arts Council about availability for an alternative meeting schedule. After discussion it was determined to start meetings at 4:30pm. Anne will follow up with an email for suitable meeting dates.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chris Claxton mentioned that at the end of December, staff will be revisiting the CIP for Public Art. Renovations for Ironhorse Golf Club will be completed in June 2022 and the designated wall outside of Vista 154 could be the next public art selection for APPI. Chris will review the CIP information at the January meeting including the art maintenance fund. Holly mentioned the need to repaint “Run, Red, Run” by Jorge Blanco due to fading paint. There is also paint chipping and water damage to “Variance” by Albert Paley, paint chipping on “The Sentinel” by Tex Jernigan, and adhesive residue from a sticker on “Dancers (Tango)” by Ewerdt Hilgemann. Holly will work to address these issues.

Chris also discussed Covid-19 safety precautions for the upcoming Breakfast with Santa, Prairie Oak Nature Center open house, and Holiday Traditions on the Prairie including reduced capacity, social distancing, and pre-bagged materials.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Next meeting is TBD

Submitted by: Holly York, Cultural Arts Supervisor