

Leawood Arts Council
Monday, March 14th, 2022
4:30 p.m. – Council Chambers in City Hall and via Zoom

Present: Anne Blessing (Chair), Julia Steinberg, Michael Shirley, Tara Kesner, Burton Dunbar, Carl McCaffree, Kim Hinkle, Stephanie Hamil, Council Liaison Julie Cain and Staff Liaisons Chris Claxton and Holly York.

New council member Laura Cyr Antolak was unable to attend.

Anne Blessing called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Anne welcomed new member Tara Kesner to the council. Tara introduced herself and the council introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Carl McCaffree motioned to approve the minutes from the January 10th, 2022 meeting. Julia Steinberg seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Julie Cain mentioned that the City Council recently met with the Johnson County Appraiser and home prices have increased on average.

APPI REPORT

Kim Hinkle reported:

- The contract for Combes to install “Praise” goes to the City Council on March 21st. The installation date will hopefully be in April.
- The repainting of “Run, Red, Run” will happen in March.
- “Skywriting I” is now in storage. Leawood’s Parade of Hearts piece is at the temporary art site.
- Rock Cottage Glassworks is making progress on their work for the new Leawood Aquatic Center.
- The Selection Committee for the 75th Anniversary sculpture will discuss their top choices to determine which 3-4 artists to interview. Once the artist is chosen, the Selection Committee will provide a recommendation to APPI, who will provide a recommendation to the LAC, who will then provide a recommendation to the City Council for approval.

CULTURAL ARTS REPORT

Holly reported:

- The artist of Leawood’s Parade of Hearts piece will install plants to the heart on Tuesday.
- The conservator’s contract has been signed for the yearly maintenance of public artworks.
- Continuing to work with Dierk Van Keppel on his artwork for the new Aquatic Center buildings.
- Working on installing “Praise” to its permanent location at Fire Station #3.

- The Arts Council has 4 complimentary tickets to the Shooting Stars Gala. Please contact Holly if you are interested in attending.
- Reviewed a 2021 Arts report. (see Exhibit A)

BUDGET CIP/ IMPACT FEE

Anne gave a brief overview of the January meeting discussion of the Public Art Impact Fee and the Capital Art Fund.

Holly and Chris discussed upcoming art projects through 2023 and provided information on anticipated costs. These include \$5,000 to secure an art-on-loan sculpture and \$25,000 as a down payment for a mural in the tunnel under Roe Ave, which is part of a new trail project. They also discussed the upcoming landscaping enhancements for the temporary art site. Chris discussed the proposed 2023 increase of the Art Impact Fee from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per resident.

Chris reported that the City has retained O’Neill Marketing and Events for the 75th anniversary celebration. They have coordinated two interviews for branding proposals, which should be submitted next week.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 P.M.

Next meeting is Monday, May 9th, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.

Submitted by:

Holly York, Cultural Arts Supervisor

EXHIBIT A

Leawood Art Council 2021 Report

Public Art

- Bi-annual maintenance for bronze sculptures, per Conservator Paula Hobart's recommendation
 - Run Red Run by Jorge Blanco will need to be painted in a year or two
- Public Art Master Plan from PLAID Collaborative completed along with landscape plans for *Inspiration* and *Dancers*
- Art Dedications
 - *Women of the World*-38 (music by string trio, moved indoor due to rain)
 - *Inspiration*-30 (Rita Blitt appeared by Zoom)
- Acceptance of Dierk Van Keppel proposal for Leawood Aquatic Center art
- Acceptance of "Praise" sculpture donation from Christopher and Bridget Lee
- Public Art Collection photographed by EG Schempf
- 75th Anniversary Art Selection Panel
- Studio visit to Rock Cottage Glassworks

Programs (Attendance)

- Summer Art Camps
 - Artful Stories Camp- 8
 - Mixed Media Mashup-12
 - Art Party-11
 - Little Artists-9
- Grinnin and Groovin, families with younger children, FREE
 - Funky Mama- 250
 - Mr. Stinky Feet-336
 - The Doo Dads- 256 (featured on Fox 4 news)
 - StoneLion Puppet-190 (moved indoors due to rain)
- Cinema in the City, FREE
 - Babe-35
 - The Little Rascals-75
- Summer Concerts Concert Series in August, FREE
 - Everyday Strangers-75 at City Hall Amp
 - 1,2,3 Andres-220 at Ironwoods Amp, diverse audience, families with children
 - Latin Jazz Orchestra-150 at City Hall Amp, very diverse, many thanks
- KC Symphony at Tomahawk Park, adults, FREE-350
 - Interested in partnering again if KC Symphony continues their neighborhood concerts
- Into the Night Fall Festival, \$5 per person, October 1 at Ironwoods Park
 - 600 registered guests SOLD OUT
 - Sending wristbands was problematic, will have wristband at entrance
 - 2022 will require advanced registration
 - Families with younger children, will change time to 5:00-8:00pm

- Performances by Mr. Stinky Feet, fire performers, magic show , plus art making, strolling characters, petting zoo, storyteller and s'mores
 - Balloon artists, Pop Culture Sculptures, were a big hit, but take longer to create
 - 2 food trucks were not enough, recommend 2 trucks and a snack truck
- Leawood Fine Art Gallery sponsorship of food and beverage
 - Puzzle Palooza, \$40 per team, November 14 at The Lodge
 - 26 teams, SOLD OUT
 - The puzzle featured Stephen LeBlanc's *Spooked*
 - 1st place team won \$150, 2nd place team \$100
 - Multi-generational event, repeat participants
 - Winter Break Art Kits, ages 4+, \$25
 - Features 5 winter themed activities, multiples of each activity
 - Sold 6

Art Projects for 2022

Praise removal, cleaning, installation and dedication
Skywriting I installation and dedication
 Leawood Aquatic Center art installation and dedication
 Continue to work on Public Art brochure
 Temp Art
 Landscape plans for *Point Defiance*
 Pubic Art Calendar for 2023
 Re-paint *Run, Red, Run*
 Parade of Hearts
 Approval of 75th Anniversary Sculpture proposal
 September concerts at City Park
 Into the Night
 Puzzle Palooza