

City of Lawrence
Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission (LCAC)
Monthly Meeting, May 11, 2016
City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street

Members present: Chair: Katherine Simmons, Kate Dinneen, Michel Loomis, Mike Maude, Sean Reardon, Richard Renner, Kristina Walker, John Hachmeister

Members absent: Joshua Falleaf, Jerry Johnson, Patrick Kelly

Also present: Porter Arneill, Director of Arts and Culture, Guests: Alicia Kelly, Tug McTighe, Toni Dixon, Michael Davidson, Lyndsey Demmel, Cindy Maude, KT Walsh

MINUTES

Chair Katherine Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Lawrence City Council Chambers at Lawrence City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street.

Action Items:

- The April 13, 2016 minutes were accepted as presented.

New Business:

1. Callahan Creek – Cultural Presentation

Tug McTighe from the Callahan Creek Advertising Agency presented their ideas to market and implement the Cultural Arts Plan that was created in 2015. The assignment was to develop several conceptual angles that bring together the disparate cultural, artistic and creative entities that coexist in the city of Lawrence. In the following presentation he presented ideas that fell into the five categories of Visual cues, Community Engagement, Events and Experiences, Community outreach and Website. The “Unmistakably Lawrence” logo is adopted to help promote the cultural plan in these categories that include the use of signs, billboards, a wrapped van and a website update.

Discussion followed among commissioners and guests regarding of funding the proposed ideas, grants available and what the next steps will be. Tug’s response was that the next step will be creating a general budget for the ideas proposed.

No commission action was taken on this.

2. RainWorks Proposal Review - Alicia Kelly

Alicia Kelly presented the RainWorks project which will create artwork with stencils and a sprayed material that makes the design show up only when wet. It will be strictly designs and not advertising with the intention to beautify the area. The project will be done during classes held at the Lawrence Arts Center classes on June 13-17.

A brief discussion followed with commissioners about the parameters of the design and signs policy. Porter Arneill discussed the issues with using words in the design and their interpretations to the public. KT Walsh mentioned the projects appropriateness with the new mural policy.

Action: The motion was made to accept the RainWorks Project by John Hachmeister and seconded by Sean Reardon. Motion was approved unanimously.

3. Qdoba Mural Proposal Review

Lyndsey Demmel, representative from the Qdoba restaurant at 1714 W. 23rd St., presented a proposal for 5 art panels and surface-applied graphics proposed for the glass adjacent to the main entrance of their building currently under construction and on opaque panels on the rear (north) of the building as well as the glazed panels facing 23rd

Street.. The project is scheduled to be completed in September 2016. Lyndsey pointed out that the artwork is unique to the location and contains no signage for the store.

Action: Richard Renner made the motion to accept the proposal. It was seconded by John Hachmeister and approved unanimously.

4. Mural Review – Update

The proposal of making the LCAC an approval body for murals was discussed by commissioners. This changes the LCAC's role from a recommending body to the city commission to an approval body and must be approved by the city commission. This would eliminate the City Sign Permit from mural applications effectively changing it from a 3 step process to a 1 step process. Further discussion covered questions of enforcement and fees.

Action: A motion was made that the LCAC be delegated the power to approve murals by Mike Maude and seconded by Kate Dinneen. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

1. Cultural Plan – update on the Callahan Creek presentation

2 Arts and Economic Prosperity 5 – update from Porter Arneill. Volunteer sign up dates available for the Busker Festival and he reported that 35 surveys were collected at Art in the Park and will continue to be collected at Spencer Art Museum and Theater Lawrence; among others in the future.

PROGRAM COMMITTEES:

Public Art:

The Outdoor Downtown Sculpture Exhibition (ODSE) opening is set for June 10th at 5:30pm

Awards and Grants:

Richard Renner recommended that business and financial experience be considered in the Community Arts Grant process and final report for the next round of Community Arts Grants. This would ensure that grants with large amounts would be handled securely. Discussion followed on the threshold for financial experience to be considered. Consensus focused on grants \$5000 and over requiring consideration of financial experience and organizational capability.

A motion was made to revise the Grant Guidelines to include financial experience for grants ove \$5000 by Richard Renner and seconded by Kate Dinneen. Motion carried unanimously.

Final Fridays:

Porter Arneill reported that he was making a presentation to Michael Davidson, eXplore Lawrence Executive Director and Mike Logan, Board Chair to talk about Final Fridays. He further reported that the Google maps had 1,088 hits and April's Final Friday was quite busy.

STRATEGIC COMMITTEES:

Culture Plan Committee: Update made under Old business agenda item

Director of Arts and Culture Items:

Porter Arneill reported that the budget for next year was to be submitted soon. He recommended that there be no budget change considering the overall budget issues the city commission is facing and that we just received a big increase last year. John Hachmeister suggested that we increase the Public Art payment to artists.

Community Arts Grant recipients will be presented their check at the City Commission meeting on May 24.

East Ninth proposal was set to go before the Historic Resources Commission on May 19th at 6:30 pm. The City Commission will view the final Concept Design on May 24th during their regular meeting and determine if the project will advance to Phase 2, Technical Design.

Motion to adjourn was made by Richard Renner with John Hachmeister seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

The LCAC meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission Director of Arts and Culture Report – May 11, 2016

Cultural Plan (Action A.4.a.ii., Action A.1.b.v.)

- Presentation by Callahan Creek tonight.

East Ninth (Action A.3.a.ii., Action A.3.c.ii., Action A.3.c.iii.)

- The Historic Resources Commission will meet on May 19th at 6:30 P.M.
- The City Commission will view a presentation of the final Concept Design Plan on March 24 during their regular meeting and determine if the project will advance to Phase 2.

ODSE (Action A.1.a.iii, Action A.2.b, A.3.a.ii)

- Last year's artworks have been slowly disappearing and new artworks are being installed. See working map, attached.
- Reception Friday, June 10 at 5:30 P.M. –*Need to work out details.*

Final Fridays

- April Final Fridays was busy with some 1,088 hits on the Google map.

Community Arts Grants (STRATEGY A.2.b)

- City Commission will present checks at the May 24 meeting, 5:45 P.M.

Arts and Economic Prosperity 5 (Action A.4.c.ii., Action A.4.a.i., Action A.1.a.i., Action A.1.a.ii., Action A.1.a.iii, Action B.3.a.i., Action B.3.a.ii)

- Collected 35 surveys at Art in the Park
- Collected surveys at Spencer Museum
- Delivered surveys to Theatre Lawrence for Guys and Dolls in June

Boards/Committees

- KC Metropolis: Kansas City's Online Journal of the Arts - <http://kcmetropolis.org/>
- KU Mobile Collaboratory (MoCOLAB) - <http://kumocolab.org/>

Miscellaneous

- Americans for the Arts Conference – June 17-19

Outreach/Presentations

- 4/13 - Lawrence Central Rotary
- Presentation and roundtable hosted by the Spencer and Charlotte Street/Rocket Grants
Rosten Woo, co-founder and former executive director of the Center for Urban Pedagogy in NYC, presented a talk entitled, *Big Pictures: Designing for Civic Engagement* — Mr. Woo is a guest panelist for the Charlotte Street Rocket Grants

Future Items/Calendar

- May 17-19, Busker Fest
- June 10 – ODSE
- June 20-25 – Free State Festival

Lawrence Cultural Arts Commisison - Community Arts Grants 2016 - Grant Allocations

Name of Organization/Individual	Primary Contact	Project Title	Start Date	End Date	Allocation
Lawrence Unified School District #497	Patrick Kelly	Confabularyum - A Festival of Creativity and Making	8/13/2016	8/13/2016	\$ 5,000.00
Marla Quits Inc.	Marla Jackson	National African American Quilt Convention	7/12/2016	7/15/2016	\$ 4,000.00
Nick Carswell	Nick Carswell	Echoes Through A Green Space	7/1/2016	4/21/2017	\$ 1,550.00
Lawrence Children's Choir	Jane Roesner Graves	Capo, Cadenza and Credenza: Intergenerational Choral Education	8/1/2016	3/31/2017	\$ 2,000.00
Spencer Museum of Art	Saralyn Reece Hardy	Community Reopening Celebration	7/1/2016	12/31/2016	\$ 2,335.00
Ballard Center	Christie Scanton Dobson	Mural: A Celebration of the Ballard Center & North Lawrence's History	4/24/2016	6/4/2016	\$ 2,000.00
Van Go Inc.	Lynne Green	Benchmark 2016	5/31/2016	7/14/2016	\$ 4,000.00
Lawrence Opera Theatre	Hugo Vera / Enca Fox Zabusky	LOT2016- Shakespeare 400	7/27/2016	8/14/2016	\$ 2,000.00
Lawrence Art Guild Association	Jen Urnekis	Art in the Park	5/1/2016	5/1/2016	\$ 2,115.00