

LAWRENCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes
June 8, 2016

Present: Porter Arneill, Director of Arts and Culture; Kate Dinneen; Joshua Falleaf; Jerry Johnson; Patrick Kelly; Michel Loomis; Mike Maude; Sean Reardon; Katherine Simmons, Chair; and Kristina Walker.

Absent: John Hachmeister and Richard Renner

- A. Regular agenda items
1. Call meeting to order
Chair Katherine Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Lawrence City Council Chambers at Lawrence City Hall.
 2. Approve May 11, 2016 meeting minutes
The minutes of the May 11, 2016 meeting were approved with Patrick Kelly abstaining.
- B. New business
1. Michael Davidson, Executive Director, eXplore Lawrence
Michael noted that eXplore Lawrence will pay for the cost of new flags for Final Fridays and then offer them for sale to interested parties for a reduced cost of \$25. A new flag has been designed focusing on the Unmistakably Lawrence theme. eXplore Lawrence wants to promote a signature/themed event for each Final Friday. Destination Management International has been hired for marketing recommendations. A community meeting will be held September 14.
 2. Budget update
Porter provided the current budget and expenditures. No questions.
 3. ODSE update
It was agreed that water bottles will be provided for the opening reception at 5:30 pm, June 10 at the South Park Parks and Recreation site, but no food.
- C. Old business
1. Cultural plan update
The tabulation of members' preferred priorities is in development.
 2. Arts and Economic Prosperity 5 update
About 250 surveys have been collected to date. More will be sought during the Free State Festival.

3. Intersection repair update
Porter and Mark Thiel met with Alicia Kelly on site to evaluate the situation. Alicia and Katy are investigating with the paint manufacturer why there was such a quick deterioration . They plan to repaint. The community event was deemed to be a very successful event and part of the overall project.

D. Committee updates

1. Governance
No report.
2. Programming
 - a. Grants: Review budget update from Marla Jackson for the 2017 National African American Quilt Convention
The Commission affirmed the original grant of \$4,000 for the project and thank Marla for asking for permission to utilize the funds for purposed different that originally requested. The Commission agreed to reallocate the following: the sum of \$1,500 to engage Denise Valentine to present her Roots and Wings workshop; and the sum of \$1,000 for a presentation about George Walker by Daniel Atkinson. However, in response to the request to reallocate \$1,500 of that award to replace carpet in the museum, the Commission agreed that it should be utilized in support of program items in the original budget request including fees and services, travel, and marketing.

It was further approved to allow the City's Director of Arts and Culture to approve or deny future requests for changes in grant expenditures.
 - b. Phoenix Awards
The announcement soliciting nominations is now online.
 - c. Final Fridays
No report other than Michael Davidson's comments.
 - d. Public Art
No report.
3. Strategic
 - a. Cultural Art Development
No report.
 - b. Cultural Plan

The top five priorities identified by members and others in the community as well as who to involved in the process has been compiled by Katherine and Kate and will be shared at the next meeting.

- E. Director's report
Submitted in writing.
- F. Miscellany
No other issues were brought forward.

The meeting was adjourned.