

City of Lawrence  
Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission (LCAC)  
Monthly Meeting, April 12, 2016  
City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street

Members present: Chair: Katherine Simmons, Kate Dinneen, Joshua Falleaf, Mike Maude, Sean Reardon, Richard Renner, Kristina Walker, John Hachmeister, Jerry Johnson,

Members absent: Patrick Kelly, Michel Loomis

Also present: Porter Arneill, Director of Arts and Culture; Pollinators Design Team - Marilyn Hinojosa, Saralyn Reece Hardy, Ava Talbott, Jennifer Talbott, Alexis J. Fekete, Nell King, Connie Fiorella Fitzpatrick, Eugene Sarmenh, Janada Birdling, Susan Earle, Chris Snipes, Dave Lowenstein, Olivia Taylor Puclecti

## MINUTES

Chair Katherine Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Lawrence City Council Chambers at Lawrence City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street.

**Action:** March 8, 2017 minutes - Mike Maude made the motion to accept, which was seconded by Sean Reardon. **Approved unanimously**

### *New Business:*

#### 1. Reimagined Pollinators Mural presentation

Dave Lowenstein provided a PowerPoint presentation that illustrated his talk about the historical and cultural background of the Reimagined Pollinators mural to replace the one taken down by building demolition at the Farmers Market near 9<sup>th</sup> and New Hampshire. The original mural was designed to represent the work of Aaron Douglas, a former visual artist of the Harlem renaissance. The theme of pollinators was inspired by the purpose of bees in the growing process and the idea of artists as pollinators of culture and art.

Janada Birdling and Eugene Sarmenh, other members of the mural design team, presented information about the process of creating the new mural design. Special care was taken to honor the original mural in format and color. Input was sought from a drawing workshop with kids and Sunrise school's Food Rocket program and other youth groups.

Commissioners Jerry Johnson, Richard Renner and Joshua Falleaf had questions about funding and selection of mural figures.

John Hachmeister made an initial motion to write letter of support with Joshua Falleaf seconding it. Jerry Johnson suggested additional wording to summarize the agreement with the property owners and artists.

**Action:** Motion made by Jerry Johnson to write a letter of support with the addition of wording to summarize the contract between the property developer and the artist. Mike Maude seconded.

**Approved unanimously.**

#### 2. Community Arts Grants

Commissioners Kristina Walker, Richard Renner and Joshua Falleaf recused themselves from the selection process for the 2017 Community Arts Grants.

The remaining commissioners began the discussion by restating the amount to be awarded (\$25,000) and the scoring of the applicants. Katherine Simmons presented the tally sheet and Mike Maude suggested that the top four applicants be funded at these levels –

1. Spencer museum, \$7000
2. Confabularyum, \$5000
3. Haskell Cultural Center, \$8000
4. Busker Festival, \$5000

Discussion followed regarding Mike Maude's suggestion with comments directed to lowering the amounts requested in order to find more than four recipients, the other financial resources of the applying organizations and supporting the Audio Reader organization.

**Action:** Jerry Johnson moved to fund the top four applications on the scoring sheet at the levels suggested by Mike Maude. Mike Maude seconded.

**Approved Unanimously.**

### ***Old Business:***

No old business at this time

### ***Committee Updates:***

1. Governance – No report at this time
2. Programming
  - a. Public Art
    - ODSE-Porter reported that the program is in process. He's working with the artists and working on the print materials for the program.
    - The solid waste facility at Kresge Road wasn't approved by the City Commission so it's no longer a building project with a public art requirement.
  - b. Phoenix Award
    - Jeremy Rockwell chosen as the Phoenix Award Artist
  - c. Final Fridays
    - Porter worked with the people at Mobile Locksmith and they began FF programming last month and reported a successful event.
3. Strategic
  - a. Cultural Plan
    - Coffee and Culture - Continued work on focusing in on 5 goals in implementing the Cultural Plan and getting Community Involvement. Next meeting is yet to be set. Coffee and Culture committee members have been asked to attend the May 10 Arts Roundtable meeting to make a presentation and answer questions.
4. Directors Report
  - Porter will attend the Americans for the Arts annual conference June 14-18 in San Francisco which includes a special day-long meeting on Arts and Economic Prosperity 5. The June LCAC meeting has been rescheduled for June 21 so Porter can provide an update on AEP5.

- Charlie Bryan/Live Well Lawrence is hosting a meeting to provide presentations and collaborations in the community. He invited the LCAC to send representatives to meet about the Cultural Plan. Kate Dinneen and Porter Arneill will attend the event from 4 to 6 p.m., April 20 in the Meeting Hall at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2120 Harper Street

**Action:** Mike Maude made the motion to adjourn, John Hachmeister seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Commission adjourned at 8:11pm.