Present: Commissioners Kate Dinneen, Joshua Falleaf, John Hachmeister, Patrick Kelly, Michel Loomis, Mike Maude, Katherine Simmons, Kristina Walker, and Director of Arts and Culture Porter Arneill

Absent: Jerry Johnson, Sean Reardon, and Richard Renner

A. a. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

b. The minutes were approved as distributed.

B. a. A new website for eXplore Lawrence will be posted in October that includes an events calendar for Final Fridays. A database is being developed so Final Friday participants can enter their own information.

Moved: While maintaining administrative responsibility for Final Fridays under the Director of Arts and Culture, the Commission endorses the plan for eXplore Lawrence to assume promotional responsibility of Final Fridays in coordination with the Director of Arts and Culture in order to enhance marketing capability. Approved.

b. The Commission’s annual retreat is scheduled for Sunday, January 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Spencer Museum of Art.

c. Through an updated presentation from the City Attorney’s office, the Commissioners were briefed on the Kansas Open Meeting Act.

d. It was agreed to confer three Phoenix Awards posthumously to George Paley for Exceptional Artistic Achievement and Sally Piller and Bill Sneed for Visual Arts. Commissioners agreed to rank order the remaining qualified nominees and submit to Porter by Friday, September 16. He will provide additional information for Jane Pennington’s nomination. Michel will ask the artist to create an additional award.

C. a. Additional information is needed from organizations that volunteered to survey attendees for the Arts and Economic Prosperity project. The deadline is September 30.

D. a. The following Commissioners’ terms end at the close of the year: John Hachmeister, Michel Loomis, and Mike Maude. All are eligible to serve an
additional term. Katherine asked that they indicate soon to her and Porter if they wish to be reappointed in order for time to recruit replacements if necessary.

b. No reports.

c.i. It was agreed to convene a meeting of the Cultural Arts Development Commission, the Cultural Planning Committee, and the Cultural Arts Commission.

c.ii. Commissioners agreed to send a letter to the City Commission to encourage the incorporation of the arts and culture strategic plan in the City’s strategic plan as it is in the Horizon 20/20 strategic plan.

E. The Director’s report was distributed. A field trip is planned to visit Art in the Loop in Kansas City on Friday, September 30. All Commissioners are invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.