City of Lawrence Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission

Meeting: March 20, 2009

7 PM

City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th street

Members present: Chair: Kate Dinneen, Clint Paugh, Jerry Johnson, Joshua Falleaf, Mike Maude,

Mary Doveton, Kristina Walker, Denise Stone, Marlo Angell

Members absent: Michel Loomis

Also present: Porter Arneill, Director of Communications and Creative Resources

Guests: Richard Renner

A. Regular agenda items

- a. Chair Kate Dinneen called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM in the City Commission room at City Hall.
- b. **Minutes**: Jerry motioned to approve January minutes. Seconded by Mike. Motion passed.

B. General Public Comment

No comments

C. New Business

a. Review 2019 Community Art Grant applications:

Porter explained the color coding system and reviewed overall organization of the grant scoring sheet.

Kristina and Marlo recused themselves from scoring and discussing applications due to conflicts of interest. Both commissioners are employed by organizations that applied for grant funds.

A discussion ensued regarding when and whether or not to partially or completely recuse oneself based on employment or other affiliations.

Kate stated that paid employees should always recuse themselves. Mike suggested that commissioners who are employed, serve on a Board, or otherwise benefit financially from organizations applying should recuse themselves. Kate and Mike discussed implicit bias and how it might affect scoring in general.

Porter requested we allow as it stands and, for next year, commissioners should recuse themselves from scoring only their organizations but can remove themselves

from the entire discussion based on comfort level. Kate called for all in favor. No objections.

Joshua complimented the commission on being conscientious and making our scoring process public.

The commission returned their attention to the scoring sheet projected on an overhead screen. A question was raised regarding the scoring recorded in Michel's column. Porter suggested he revise the spreadsheet.

Kate moved to discount Michel's scores because she is not present to discuss her scoring. Seconded by Joshua. All in favor.

The commissioners discussed how the removal might affect overall scoring and averages.

Moved ahead on the agenda to G.a. while Porter retrieved a file.

G. Miscellany

a. Community Service:

Kate returned to the question from January regarding the meaning of community service as it relates to the Phoenix Awards.

Jerry found a reference to "community service" in a 2013 application for the award but nothing in the current version and wondered if it was stated in a policy.

Action Item: Jerry will look through past policies and resolutions for language regarding community service.

C. New Business

c. Review Police Facility Public Art RFQ:

Porter asked the commissioners to review the RFQ and asked Clint to report on a recent public art subcommittee meeting attended by Kristina and Clint. Porter revised the RFQ to reflect comments put forth by the subcommittee.

Joshua questioned the meaning of "intellectual expression" as a criteria for reviewing submissions. A discussion followed. Porter suggested removing that term and inserting "connection" to the criteria "sensitivity to the site" to read "sensitivity and connection to the site."

Clint noted that the site for the new facility is not just the Police Department but that it is located in a large park area.

Mary questioned how the park portion is funded and if it impacts the art side of things.

Kate stated that even if the funding is not finalized, we can still move forward with the RFQ.

a. Review 2019 Community Art Grant applications (continued):

The commissioners discussed at length the grant applications and allocations of funds.

Kate questioned how to weigh applications from organizations with professional grant writers on staff versus those that do not have staff dedicated to grant writing.

Mary was not content with scoring for the KPR application.

Kate asked if we should award full amount to the top scoring applications or "spread the love." Marlo agreed that we should spread out the funding.

Mike suggested we award newly-formed organizations and projects with higher amounts and those more established projects receive less.

Joshua asked if we should take into consideration those organizations who have additional means of financial support.

Access to classical music in Lawrence was discussed.

The Raven Book Store's application was ranked high on many scoring cards.

Denise asked about neighborhood versus community oriented projects.

Clint questioned how the more isolated location of the Edgewood skate park factors into the discussion.

Jerry asked if all those who were awarded funding last year and applied this year have turned in grant reports. Porter confirmed that they all had.

The commissioners discussed funding allocations and the following decision was made:

Raven Book Store - \$5,000

Willow Domestic Violence Center - \$2,750

Hall Center for the Humanities - \$2,500

Edgewood Community Skate Park - \$2,500

Spencer Museum - \$2,500

LAAND - \$2,500

Hoke Ley - \$2,500

Van Go, Inc. - \$1,750

City Play Corps - \$1,750 Lawrence Public Library - \$1,250

Kate requested a motion to accept the awarded amounts. Mary moved to accept as stated. Seconded by Clint and Mike. Kristina and Marlo abstained.

Mike suggested we discuss the scoring criteria and rubric before next year's granting cycle.

Action Item: Add review of scoring criteria and rubric to the February 2020 agenda.

b. Review the 2019 ODSE juror selections:

Guest juror Rebecca Hackemann selected ten of 19 objects submitted for consideration. Porter presented images of those ten and is working to get information to those artists.

D. Old Business

a. Fire Station 1 – Senior Resource Center – update:

See Director's Report.

Action Item: Porter will schedule a meeting to look at the site and meet with key stakeholders.

E. Committee Updates

a. Governance: No updates

b. **Programming**:

- i. *Phoenix Awards*: Walt Hull and Jennifer Joie Webster completed their work and the awards were available for the commissioners to view.
- ii. *Final Friday*: Jerry asked to see how the current month compares to the same month from last year. Jerry asked for definitions of some of the terms used in the marketing report.
- iii. Public Art: discussed earlier in the agenda
- iv. Community Arts Grants: discussed earlier in the agenda

c. Strategic:

ii. Cultural Plan:

1. Culture Chat: The March 26th Chat will meet at the Lawrence Public Library in meeting room A at 4 PM. Music is the topic for discussion.

The topic for the April chat is architecture as art. Location to be determined, but it was suggested the Carnegie building could be an option.

Porter relayed a citizen's expression of frustration regarding the Culture Chats and asked if they were meeting the commission's expectations.

Marlo stated that she promoted the Chat at the Lawrence Roundtable for the Arts.

F. <u>Director's Report</u>: Porter reviewed the information included in the Report.

G. Miscellany:

Porter announced that Marla Jackson has resigned from the Commission

Porter suggested that that we begin thinking about next year's budget. Commissioners raised a consideration about raising the Community Art Grant budget by \$5000.

Action Item: Porter will send the commissioners last year's budget for review at the April meeting.

Mary motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Denise. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

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Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission Programs/Projects

Community Art Grants

• 2019 CAG review tonight.

Final Fridays

• Report, including historical information as requested, attached.

Public Art

- FS 1/Senior Resource Center for Douglas County
 - Jacob Burmood is the second selected artist. He visited the site in February and I'm
 in the process of scheduling a time with the primary stakeholders from the Senior
 Resource Center and Fire Medical.
- ODSE
 - Seventeen artists submitted 19 projects for review. (6 from MO, 7 from KS, 2/4 from Iowa, 1 from KY, 1 from FL.
 - Rebecca Hackeman-Bahlmann from KSU is the Juror and submitted her selections last week.
 - A meeting is scheduled with Parks and Recreation to review the prioritized sculptures.
 - Police facility park space. Draft RFQ presented to Public Art Committee for review and edits. Draft presented to commission tonight.

Phoenix Awards

• Walt Hull and Jennifer Joie Webster have delivered their awards.

General/Community/Meetings

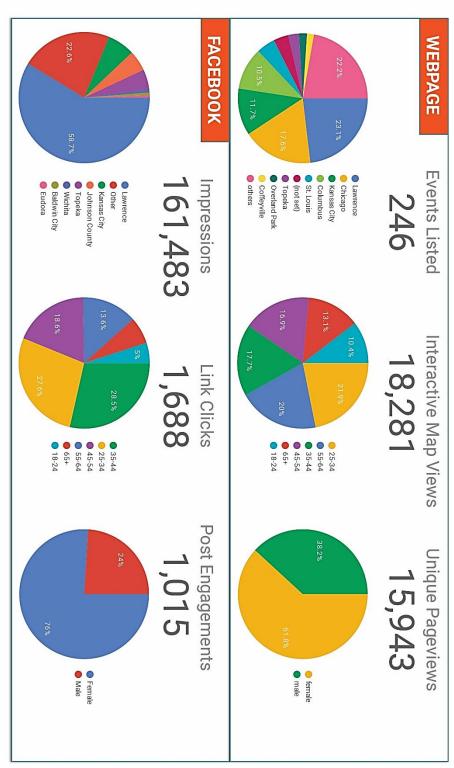
- The next Culture Chat is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the Library, meeting room A. Topic is music.
- Discuss May Culture Chat topics and locations.

Boards/Committees

- Serving on the eXplore Lawrence Board Communications ex-officio
- Serving on the DMI Board Communications ex-officio
- Staff liaison to Sister Cities Lawrence and Downtown Lawrence Inc.



2018 Marketing Report





February 2019 Marketing Report





January 2019 Marketing Report

