

City of Lawrence
Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission
Meeting: May 8, 2009
7 PM
City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th street

Members present: Chair: Kate Dinneen, Clint Paugh, Joshua Falleaf, Mike Maude, Kristina Walker, Denise Stone, Marlo Angell, Michel Loomis

Members absent: Mary Doveton, Jerry Johnson

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

A. Regular agenda items

- a. Chair Kate Dinneen called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM in the City Commission room at City Hall.
- b. **Minutes:** Kate motioned to approve the April minutes. Seconded by Denise. Motion passed.

B. General Public Comment

No comments

C. New Business

- a. **Presentation: Common Ground and Food System Plan. Helen Schnoes, AICP, Sustainability & Food Systems Planner, Douglas County, KS**
Helen presented informative handouts about the Food System Plan and Common Ground and posed the question of how LCAC might connect with her organizations.

Porter stated that he is familiar with the work Helen as done on the Food Policy Council (FPC) that advises both the city and county on food-related policy issues.

Helen expressed how the Cultural Plan and community engagement helped move her programs forward. In 2016, the Council looked to the Cultural Plan when developing the Douglas County Food System Plan, which was adopted in 2017 and sets a framework for the next ten years.

The Farmer's Market is a priority for the FPC, and in 2016 they received a federal grant to find ways to strengthen the county's farmers' markets. Helen worked with Todd Achelpohl, KU School of Architecture & Design, and his students on a Farmer's Market project. Their work was exhibited at a Final Friday. The Farmer's Market and Final Friday is one example of how FPC and LCAC might work together.

Helen discussed Common Ground, which is the city's community gardening and urban agriculture program. A recent program evaluation identified several key areas to focus on in the coming years. One such goal is the need for additional gardens spread throughout the city, and the idea came about to create a community campaign using yard signs to identify new garden spots.

Helen asked if LCAC would like to collaborate on this project.

Kate asked for thoughts from the group and for Porter's input on what role the Commission might play. The commissioners discussed potential ways we might be involved.

Kate suggested that the Lawrence Loop could potentially develop garden posts along the way.

Mike brought up examples of how some cities have installed commissioned works of art, such as cows, to promote their towns. We might consider the same, but using scarecrows instead.

Joshua stated that gardening and the culinary arts hits many of the artistic components in the Cultural Plan. He suggested that artists work with Common Ground to create those community campaign signs and perhaps create their work at a Farmer's market.

Clint added that garden art could be a topic for a future Culture Chat. Helen is interested in participating and suggested July might be good timing as it's coming up on the 2nd anniversary of the Food System Plan. She will verify with the FPC and suggested meeting at John Taylor Park.

Denise suggested that quilts and the quilting community connects with food issues as well.

Porter liked the idea that artists could have wide-open possibilities to come up with ideas and suggested there might be a way to tie-in with the Outdoor Downtown Sculpture Exhibition as a new way of creating public art.

Kate asked if Helen should meet with the Public Art Committee to generate ideas.

- Action Item: Porter will set up a meeting with Helen and the Public Art Committee

D. Old Business:

- a. **Outdoor Downtown Sculpture Exhibition:** Nine artworks have been selected, and Porter is working with several artists to determine placement of their work.

The opening reception is scheduled for June 28th. The location is yet to be determined.

Kate suggested the new Visitor Center located downtown might be an option.

Marlo wasn't sure if construction would be completed by the 28th.

E. Committee Updates

- a. **Governance:** No updates

- b. **Programming:**

- i. *Phoenix Awards:* Jerry is waiting to hear back from vendors about the wine. Charles Higginson has been invited to be the emcee, and we still need to determine whom to invite to speak about the arts in general. Patrick Kelly was mentioned as a possible keynote speaker.

Kate suggested Patrick Kelly.

Porter said a press release was published they've been promoting through social media.

Michel asked Porter to send the call for nominations to those who have submitted in past years.

- ii. *Final Friday:* no updates

- iii. *Public Art:*

- 1. *Police Headquarters Site:* Porter asked for a volunteer and an alternate to serve on the selection panel. Both Denise and Clint are interested. Porter also asked for suggestions for a community person to invite.
 - 2. *Fire Station 1:* Jacob Burmood returned his contract.
 - Action item: Porter will add to the City Commission agenda.

- iv. *Community Arts Grants:* Porter is in the process of dispersing the funds.

- c. **Strategic:**

- ii. *Cultural Plan:*

- 1. *Culture Chat:* The next meeting will be May 28 from 5-6 PM at the Clark/Huesemann studio at 927 ½ Massachusetts. Above Sarah's Fabrics. The topic is architecture.

- Action item: Porter will create a Facebook event.
Marlo mentioned that KCAIC is holding an event that same night, and we might consider cross-promoting.

Kate asked if we should prepare questions for the architects or should this be more of a social hour. It was determined that this would be more of a social gathering, but we could provide some conversation prompts.

- Action item: Send Clint topic suggestions or questions for table tops.

- F. Director's Report: Porter reviewed the information included in his Report.
Salvation Army follow up: Porter will craft a letter of support from LCAC and send it to Kate for review.

OSDE: Porter requested assistance leading up to the reception. Clint asked Porter to prepare a list of what is needed and bring it to the June 12th meeting.

- G. Miscellany:
Marlo will replace Kristina on the Strategic Planning subcommittee.

Denise will serve on the Grants & Awards subcommittee.

Joshua motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Michel. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.