

City of Lawrence
Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission
Meeting: June 12, 2009
7 PM
City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th street

Members present: Chair: Kate Dinneen, Jerry Johnson, Clint Paugh, Mike Maude, Mary Doveton, Kristina Walker, Denise Stone, Marlo Angell,

Members absent: Joshua Falleaf, Michel Loomis

Community member: Deb Stavin

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 PM in the City Commission room at City Hall.
- b. **Minutes:** Kate motioned to approve the May minutes. Mary pointed out several errors in the minutes, which Porter will correct. Mike then motioned to approve. Seconded by Mary. Motion passed.

B. General Public Comment

Deb Stavin stated she's interested to hear discussion about public art.

C. New Business

- a. None

D. Old Business:

a. **ODSE Opening Sculpture Walk:**

Seven of the nine artworks are currently installed.

The opening reception is scheduled for June 28th at 5:30 PM. We will meet in front of the Visitor Center, which has yet to open, at 812 Massachusetts.

Kathy Hanks from LJW recently wrote a piece on the Visitor Center.

➤ Action Item: Porter will get the brochure together

b. **Phoenix Awards:**

Call for Award Nominations is out.

Porter reached out to those who submitted nominations in past years.

Mike requested to see a list of those people.

LCAC is encouraged to help promote and spread the word.

Public comment from Deb about the deadline.

- ❖ Item not on agenda: Porter and Kate drafted a letter on behalf of LCAC in support of the Lawrence Arts Center's proposal to acquire the Salvation Army property. Kate signed the letter, and Porter will submit it as part of the LAC's presentation at the next City Commission meeting.

E. Committee Updates

a. **Governance:** No updates

b. **Programming:**

i. *Phoenix Awards:* Mary is working to confirm with catering.

There was a general discussion of the start time. Jerry confirmed the start time to be 4 PM on October 27th.

ii. *Final Friday:* no updates

iii. *Public Art:*

1. *Police Headquarters Site:* Porter received 39 submittals from national and local artists for the Police Headquarters site. Need to determine how to divvy up the award funding. Should it all go to one artist or several.

Denise will represent LCAC on selection panel. Clint will be the alternate.

➤ Action Item: Porter asked for recommendations for a community member to serve on the selection panel. Diversity is important. Porter will look over past LCAC applications for potential community members to consider.

2. *Fire Station 1:* Jacob Burmood's contract was approved by the City Commission.

iv. *Community Arts Grants:* No updates.

c. **Strategic:**

ii. *Cultural Plan:*

1. *Culture Chat:* The May 28 Culture Chat was interrupted by the tornado warning.

As discussion of the tornado damage and storm preparation ensued.

Steve and Jane expressed interested in hosting again because the May Chat was cut short.

- Action Item: Clint will ask Steve and Jane if they would like to host the June 25th Culture Chat.

The topic for the July Culture Chat will be gardening with Helen from the Food Policy Council.

- F. Director's Report: Porter reviewed the information included in his Report. Kate reported on the discussion concerning the Downtown Master Plan (DMP) from today's Lawrence Arts Roundtable meeting. There is a DIY workshop kit available on the DMP website. The kits are an additional way for interested organizations or citizens to participate in the process who otherwise cannot attend the community workshops.

Mary asked if any interesting trends emerged from the discussion. Porter said that public safety was an important issue as well as balancing the old with the new and affordable housing.

Marlo said that pop up spaces, green spaces, and streetscapes were topics of interest.

Porter discussed a successful program in Kansas City where paid staff serve as ambassadors and create relationships with locals and transients as a way to monitor downtown activity. DLI has a proposed program for Mass that would require funding to implement.

- G. Miscellany: no report

Clint motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mary. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.