City of Lawrence  
Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission  
Meeting: October 9, 2019  
7 PM  
City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th street

Members present: Chair: Kate Dinneen, Marlo Angell, Mike Maude, Joshua Falleaf, Mary Doveton, Clint Paugh, Michel Loomis, Denise Stone, Jerry Johnson, Kristina Walker, and Rex Sandquist

Members absent: None

Community members: None

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

A. Regular agenda items
   a. Chair Kate Dinneen called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM in the City Commission room at City Hall.
   b. Minutes: Mary noted an error in the number of members on a mailing list for the Phoenix Awards. A correction was made, and Kate move to approved. Seconded by Joshua. Motion passed unanimously.

B. General Public Comment
   No comments

C. New Business (three items not on the agenda)
   a. LCAC Budget
      The commissioners discussed the City Commission’s decision to move the LCAC budget to the TGT Fund. Porter stated this might only be for the upcoming year, but we should make note of it.

      Mary had a question about whom do we ask for LCAC budget increases and will it impact the amount of TGT funding available. Porter stated we would continue to make budgetary requests to the City Commissioners.

      Kate expressed concern regarding the stability of LCAC’s future funding. Will TGT question how the Commission brings guests to the city?

      Mike stated that the commissioners should have advance notice of changes like this. Porter will find out if we should make a statement regarding the matter.
b. **New LCAC member**
   New LCAC member Rex Sandquist was introduced, and he discussed his recent PARK(ing) Day project.

   ➢ Action Item: Porter will schedule an orientation.

c. **League of Women Voters**
   Mary discussed a call she received from the League of Women Voters about a Candidate Forum at the Lawrence Arts Center and wondered if LCAC was involved. No one was familiar with the event. Mary said she’d forward information to Porter and Kate.

D. **Old Business:**
   a. **See committee updates**

E. **Committee Updates**
   a. **Governance:** Porter reminded the commissioners of the January 12, 2020 retreat at Theatre Lawrence. We will need to elect the next Chair and other officers. Michel and Mike will be leaving which means there will be two open seats on the Commission.

   Mike suggested that new members should be appointed in time to attend the retreat. Porter reminded us to direct interested applicants to the online application form.

   Porter reported on the term status of each commissioner.

b. **Programming:**
   i. **Phoenix Awards:** Mary handed out the remaining postcards for our use. All artists and nominators received invitations. It is estimated that 150-200 people might attend.

   Mary asked the commissioners to send out E-blasts about the ceremony to any groups to which we belong.

   Charles Higginson is the emcee. Artists Walt Hull and Jennifer Joie Webster will talk about their process. Patrick Kelly will be a guest speaker. All nominators will say a few words about their nominees. Porter and Mayor Larsen will hand out the awards.
Jason Badgett has created a slide show that will run during the comments. Mary asked the commissioners to help at the event. Clint and Jerry will be absent. Mary will assign jobs for commissioners who can help. Mary will print programs. Porter will send Mary past programs for content.

Porter asked about the budget. Basil Leaf Café is catering. Cork and Barrel donated $500 for wine. Mary will send and itemized invoice to Porter for reimbursables.

ii. Final Friday: Review in Director’s Report

iii. Public Art:

1. Police Headquarters Site: The panel interviewed four artists via Skype and almost unanimously selected Joe O’Connell for the project. Porter discussed when and how to announce the choice and will work out a sequence of events and logistics. Kate asked how many local artists submitted proposals, and Porter answered that there were four or five.

Mike asked when construction is expected to be completed, and Porter answered summer/fall 2020. O’Connell has not yet decided on what he will do. He would like engage the community, and he is willing to facilitate community input meetings. Porter will communicate with him to develop his scope and create a contract.

Jerry moved to approve the panel’s choice of Joe O’Connell. Seconded by Clint. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Fire Station 1: Jacob Burmood submitted two concept sketches, and Porter asked for feedback from the commissioners to convey to Jacob. It was decided to invite Jacob to come to a future meeting and present his concepts and answer questions and give him direction.

3. Outdoor Downtown Sculpture Exhibition: The commissioners discussed the 2020 exhibition and the potential for one or two of the sculptures to be installed at Common Ground. This topic came up at the September Culture Chat and it was suggested that climate change could be a subtheme of the exhibition. Porter also mentioned that Michael Davidson is working with Steve Nowak at the Watkins and perhaps an added subtheme could be related to an exhibit they are planning for next spring. The commission was agreeable.
➢ Action Item: Porter asked Clint to schedule a Public Art committee meeting to discuss.

iv. *Community Arts Grants*: There is $25,000 in next year’s budget for CAG.

c. **Strategic:**
   i. *Cultural Plan:*
      1. *Culture Chat*: Marlo asked to move the October Culture Chat from the 22\textsuperscript{nd} to the 29\textsuperscript{th}. Decade is the location, and the topic is film.

         Porter asked for November topic suggestions. Kate offered to talk to the Rambergs about presenting on Grotesques.

F. **Director’s Report**: Porter reviewed the information included in his Report.

G. **Miscellany**: None

Michel motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Denise. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.
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Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission Programs/Projects

Final Fridays
  • September report attached.

Public Art
  • FS I/Senior Resource Center for Douglas County
    • Jacob Burmood has provided concept sketches for preliminary review – attached below.
  • ODSE
    • Discussion on 2020, 32nd ODSE.

• Police HQ Facility Park Site
  • The ASP conducted four video interviews on Thursday, October 3 in the City Commission room between 9 and 1 and selected Joe O’Conneell for the project. All 39 artists have been notified via email.
    • Gordon Huether
    • Benjamin Ball
    • Joe O’Connell
    • Cliff Garten

Phoenix Awards
  • Program preparations

General/Community/Meetings
  • The next Culture Chat is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m. with Marlo Angel at Decade Coffee on the topic of Film.
  • Discuss November/December 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.