**Kirkwood** **Arts Commission**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 5:00 p.m.**

**Kirkwood Community Center**

**Attendance: Zoe Perkins, Glenda Hares, April Morris, Mark Braun,** **Rachel Brandt, Erika Whitaker, Stephanie Kirkland, Ellen Edman, Art McDonnell (KAF), Liz Crabtree (GM of KPAC). Liz Gibbons (City Council Liaison). Not present: Andy Palombo, Kyle Henke**

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS-** Agnes Garino asked that the link to the Sculpture on the Move be sent to the Commissioners. It was sent to the members of the Outdoor Public Art Committee.
2. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

Ellen made the motion to pass the minutes, Glenda seconded. Minutes approved as written.

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. **Kirkwood Arts Foundation-**Art said the Kirkwood Arts Foundation seed money for the Sara Sheppard benefit concert to be held on November 9th. He and Zoe visited with Andrew Gibb-Clark, Director of Choirs at KHS who is very happy to be part of the benefit concert.
   2. **Making Music-** Erika reported that the last band contract was signed, thus filling the Making Music schedule. Marketing will begin next month. Kyle will be getting battery operated lanterns to help light up the back of the amphitheater. He is exploring new light fixtures, but they cost $850 and 13 are needed. He will have someone check the current light fixtures to see if bulb replacement is an option. The committer will produce a brochure, business cards, posters and place ads in the WKT and utility insert.
   3. **2023 Benefit Concert Update**- See Art’s KAF report above. Stefanie asked what the monetary goal was. Art said the committee was working on this.
   4. **MACAA Report-** Rachel reported there was nothing to report
   5. **Gallery Program at KPAC-** Zoe reported the Meramec College student art work was delivered to KPAC on Monday and will be switched over on Sunday, March 26th. Bryan Haynes will present a lecture on his career and how he became a professional regionalist artist. April is marketing this lecture widely to the local college and high school art departments. It will be videotaped. A reception will follow. April and Liz Crabtree worked on way finding signage at KPAC to help direct people to the galleries. The call for art was placed in the spring arts section of the W/K Times.
   6. **Outdoor Public Art-** Zoe reported that a paint color for the Farmer sculpture was selected by the committee. And the bids for painting had be sent to the procurement department and approved. Work will start after April 1st when the new fiscal year starts. At their last meeting Zoe presented examples of sculptures she found appropriate for the front of house at KPAC. All agreed the criteria should be modern, abstract and have a shiney surface. Zoe will continue to look for other examples although the committee was pleased with several they saw. The letter of request for long-term loan for the Nagare sculpture is underway and due April 1st. Finally, the brochure for developers should be completed by April 20th.
2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. **Review of Strategic Plan-** A discussion ensued which brought up several questions including tax status and the need for KAC and KAF to have separate strategic plans; who should moderate; and the need for a new template since the one currently used did not seem appropriate. Zoe will ask Kyle to resolve questions perhaps in con sultation with John Hessel, City Attorney. April will research a new template which Zoe will send out. Comments will be returned to Zoe by April 1st. A strategic plan meeting will be held in April or May.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**- none

1. **KPAC GM Report**
   1. Liz Crabtree reported 800 people came to the Second City performance. Her goal is to have both theaters running simultaneously. She is working with Fox News and Art St. Louis on stories about KPAC.
2. **ARTS COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT**-No report
3. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS-**None
4. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting Date- April 18th, 2023**

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**Chair:** Zoe Perkins

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