**Kirkwood** **Arts Commission**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 18th, 2023, 5:00 p.m.**

**Kirkwood Community Center**

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

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS-** No comments
2. **APPROVAL OF APRIL 21, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

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

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. **Kirkwood Arts Foundation-** Art said the benefit concert committee was in negotiations with singer Sara Shepard. Zoe said a photo of herself and Art presenting a check to the Kirkwood High School band department was in the 3/21-4/6 edition of the Webster/Kirkwood Times.
   2. **Making Music-** Art reported the summer schedule was completed and included Tim Cunningham. The schedule will be mailed in the May Utility bills. Kyle continues to work on the lighting at the amphitheater. We still need a booth worker at the ampitheater. All agreed that the 7:30 concert time works well.
   3. **2023 Benefit Concert Update**- See Art’s KAF report above.
   4. **MACAA Report-**Nothing to report
   5. **Gallery Program at KPAC-** Zoe reported that the committee was in discussion with three artist for the summer show that opens May 17th. There will be an early installation due to Mother’s Day.
   6. **Outdoor Public Art-** Zoe is waiting to hear back from the two artists from the Sculpture on the Move program to pick up their works by May. Zoe also reported that the Gateway Foundation asked for a letter of support from the City to be included in our letter of request for the Nagare sculpture (Bachi 1999) that was submitted in late March. The Gateway Foundation Board meets in May and will make a decision in June. Zoe will make a presentation to the City Council at the April 20th working meeting on the various projects and programs KAC has undertaken, explain our budget and funding sources, and specifically ask the city council to submit a letter of commitment. Zoe reported that the Farmer sculpture was picked up on April 7th for repainting. Zoe also reported that at the last Outdoor Public Art Committee meeting Donna Poe suggested that there was a need by the Special Business District to have a definition for murals for the city. A couple of businesses had expressed the desire to

put murals on their buildings. This may be addressed in the upcoming Strategic Plan meeting.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. **Participation in Cars and Guitars-** A motion was made stating: KAC should parti cipate in the June 13th Cars and Guitars Festival with an informational tent and ac cept donations for blinky guitars and bead necklaces. April made motion, seconded by Ellen. Motion passed. Zoe will seek volunteers to work the tent.

b. **Vote on Support of Possible Nagare Long-term Loan-** A motion stating: Based on the recommendation of the Outdoor Public Art Committee, KAC shall proceed with the process of acquiring the long term loan of the Bachi Sculpture by Masayuki Na gare from the Gateway Foundation to be placed at the location of the Kiss sculpture in downtown Kirkwood. Motion made by April and seconded by Glenda. Motion passed unanimously.

c. **Social Media- Distribution of responsibilities**-A discussion resulted in the following distribution of responsibilities:

-Liz Crabtree to assist with Gallery Program social media via April.

-The KAC face book page will merge with the KPAC (since commissions can’t have own page).

-Erika to forward Making Music info to Kyle (for Parks Instagram and Facebook), and to and Katherine Hessel (who now combines Happenings and Trash/City ac tivities).

-April will submit info for the Arts Calendar to Katherine Hessel and to Liz Crabtree. Rachel will help April with posts.

d. **Strategic Plan Update-** Zoe will mail out a strategic plan template that was sug- gested by Stefanie. Commissioners are asked to submit ideas to Zoe so they can be organized to help make the May 23rd meeting run efficiently. The meeting will run from 4:30-6:30. Kyle will facilitate the meeting.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**- Zoe presented the resume of Mary Butkus who applied to fill Ellen Ed man’s seat in June. All felt she was a strong candidate. Zoe will write a letter recommending the Mayor to appoint Mary. Ellen will remain on the OPAC committee.

1. **KPAC GM Report**
   1. Liz Crabtree gave an overview of the events at KPAC including: the Rep Theater is in the Black Box, the Air Force Band concert, a banjo revival show, as well as other musical programs.
2. **ARTS COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT**-No report
3. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS-**None
4. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting Date-May 16th, 2023**

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**Chair:** Zoe Perkins

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