**Kirkwood** **Arts Commission**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023 5:00PM**

**Kirkwood Community Center**

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

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS-**none
2. **APPROVAL OF August 15, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

Zoe Perkins called the meeting to order. Mary moved to approve the minutes and Glenda seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with edits.

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

* 1. **Kirkwood Arts Foundation**: Art reported benefit concert planning is going well. Thank you to April for materials created. An ad will be going out twice in the Webster Kirkwood Times. Ticket sales and donations are coming in. Glenda is handling ushers and suggested to close one end of the theatre like last year to give the ushers support and space. Paul Reuter is handling getting in touch with Kirkwood High School for promotions.   
       
     Art reported that KAF is working with the city of Kirkwood to set up a special bank account within the foundation that will be designated specifically for KAC and KPAC. Ex: Rollup Initiative will be designated separate from regular KAF donations.   
       
     Mary Butkus has volunteered to do photos for the upcoming concert.
  2. **Making Music:** The consensus was that the final concert in the park for The Making Music Series was fantastic. Diesel Island were great performers. It was a bit cold for attendees, so it was a much smaller crowd than expected, about 100-150 people.All agreed we would love to have them back.Consensus is that all around it was a great season. Thanks to all who helped.   
       
     Zoe noted that we have an abundance of cards and brochures. We may want to consider printing less next year.

* 1. **Gallery Program at KPAC:** April reported that the August summer show has been installed. There was a small turnout for the opening, but the evening went well. April and Zoe have not heard from the artist about any sales. Nov. 15 is the next opening. There will be an architectural theme. Reproduction windows from the Frank Lloyd Wright house in Kirkwood will be displayed. The windows are currently displayed at the airport and will take up the entire wall at the upstairs at KPAC. The St. Louis County Parks Department is handling the installation. A small lighting issue needs to be resolved. We will keep the windows for six months and return.  
       
     The fall exhibition will also feature water colors by Stan Masters that will be lent from a private collection. Finally, photographer Bruce Backus works will be displayed on the first floor.. Zoe and April are in communication with him to confirm final selection of works.

The Gallery Program would like the next show to include black artists and women artists in honor of black history month and women’s history month.

* 1. **Outdoor Public Art:** At the recent meeting, members toured the Downtown area and reviewed possible places for future projects. The mural behind Mission Taco was mentioned and all wondered who is responsible for the upkeep of that piece. April mentioned that if we want to bring a mural program back we need to make sure there are understood rules around the project. It was suggested that we could stipulate certain wording around what would be required to approve a piece of work.   
       
     All agreed that it’s a tricky subject and more conversation is needed around the subject before any decisions are made. Zoe noted that she would add it to the agenda for the next OPAC meeting. April to ask Donna Poe what research she’s done on the matter.
  2. **MACAA Report:** Nothing to report.
  3. **Communications Committee:** Mary is heading this new committee. She noted that Liz sent out an email asking people to be involved. She will continue working to build a committee membership.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

g. **Rollup For The Arts Initiative:** The project is a-go! Liz and Art are working with the city to establish a designated account where funds earned through the initiative will go directly into an account to be used for KAC. \*See note above in Foundation report.

h. **Review of Greentree Info:** Gave away a pair of tickets to four shows. Greentree had an attendance of 3,000 higher than previous years.

1. **ARTS COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT**-No report
2. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS-**None
3. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 6:00.

**Next Meeting Date**-November 19

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**Chair:** Zoe Perkins

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