**Kirkwood Arts Commission**

**July 16th, 2024 Minutes**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Kirkwood Community Center**

**Attendance:** Zoe Perkins, Mary Butkus, April Morris, Erika Whittaker, Pat Seratti, Nancy Luetzow (City Council Liaison), Kyle Henke (City Liaison), Liz Crabtree (GM of KPAC).Not present: Rachael Brandt, Stefanie Kirkland, Andy Palombo, Mark Braun, Art McDonnell (KAF),

1. **CITIZEN COMMENT-** no comments
2. **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE18th, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**Zoe Perkins called the meeting to order. April moved to approve the minutes

and Pat seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. **Kirkwood Arts Foundation Update-**no report.
   2. **Making Music-** Erika reported that the lights have been installed at the amphitheater and look great. She said the Jeremiah Johnson band pass the hat collection was $727. The Dancer of Life was present and engaged in profanity with the band who had permission to set up a merchandize table. Nancy Luetzow is going to talk to Russ about this on going problem. The police will be called in the future.
   3. **MACAA Report-** Kyle to check to see if there is a membership fee that needs to be paid.
   4. **Gallery Program at KPAC Update-** Zoe, Liz and Joe are working on getting the top of stair wall skinned with plywood for installing art. April said the artists for the fall show are selected and information has been submitted. The opening is August 14th, 4-7 pm.
   5. **Outdoor Public Art Committee Update-** Zoe reported that Middendorf Concrete got the bid to pour the base for the Mensch sculpture and has a notice to proceed. There was a discussion on how to promote the sculpture. Zoe will send a draft of a Public Release statement that she, Rachel, and April drafted to Russ Hawes and Liz Gibbons for review. Zoe will organize a meeting for the communications committee to discuss any open events. It was suggested that a video of the artist working could be shown at the KPAC.
   6. Bisso Park was also discussed at length at the last OPAC meeting. Most felt that the park should have a major make over rather than a basic one. Established was the mission of this project, assumptions and criteria on what work could happen, and the next steps. One of the first is for Donna and Zoe to update Russ on the discussions and ideas OPAC has for this park.
   7. **Communications Committee-** The committee met and will meet again in the near future.
2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Rick Duplissie Mural donation-** No further communication. Kyle to contact Rick.

**B.** **Roll up of the Arts Initiative Update-** Liz reported roll up doing well. She also added that she had received several significant donations.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Other matters**:- Zoe asked if KAC was going to participate in the Green Tree Festival. Liz said she would donate tickets to give away again.
2. **KPAC GM Report**
   1. Upcoming Events-Liz handed out a sheet on upcoming concerts and talked about plans to expand the Strauss Studio Series.
3. **ARTS COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT**
4. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting Date August 20th, 2024**

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**Chair:** Zoe Perkins

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