**Kirkwood Arts Commission**

**August 20th, 2024 Minutes**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Kirkwood Community Center**

**Attendance:** Zoe Perkins, Rachel Brandt, Mary Butkus, April Morris, Pat Seratti, Stefanie Kirkland, Mark Braun, Nancy Luetzow (City Council Liaison), Kyle Henke (City Liaison).

**Not present:** Erika Whittaker, Andy Palombo, Art McDonnell (KAF), Liz Crabtree (GM of KPAC.

1. **CITIZEN COMMENT-** no comments
2. **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 16th, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**Zoe Perkins called the meeting to order. Pat moved to approve the minutes

and April seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with minor typos.

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. **Kirkwood Arts Foundation Update-** Zoe Perkins reported for Art McDonnell (absent) that a gala planning meeting is upcoming on November 28 at 4pm that anyone is welcome to attend.
   2. **Making Music-** Zoe Perkins reported for Erika Whittaker (absent) that the last MMCS performance from Northbound Train was great. The “Dance of Life Dancer” was in attendance and mentioned to Nancy Luetzow that they were retiring after the next performance. The Ticket to the Beatles performance is Saturday, August 24 and is expected to be well attended.
   3. **MACAA Report-** No report
   4. **Gallery Program at KPAC Update-** The Fall opening was held on August 14th from 4-7pm. The reception was held in between the two Stages shows so some attendees were there that may have not seen it otherwise. Two of the artists, Bob Neimeyer and Barb Flunker, sent thank you notes saying they were very pleased about the opening.
   5. **Outdoor Public Art Committee Update-** Zoe Perkins reported that the pad for the sculpture has been poured. We are now waiting for a final estimate to get the sculpture moved and rigged. The label holder will be done next week. A “presentation for the city” is planned once the sculpture is in place to reveal the piece. Mayor Liz Gibbons is scheduled to speak as well as Zoe Perkins and Art McDonnell. The date is not set, but will likely be on a Sunday.

Stefanie Kirkland suggested applying a fundraising pillar of sending personal invi tations to potential donors to show our appreciation and support for their potential contributions.

* 1. **Communications Committee-** The committee met and will meet again in the near future.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Greentree Festival-** Zoe asked who would be available to work the tent. A schedule will be made to determine coverage. Liz Crabtree will donate tickets to be raffled. April will make posters for tent as needed.

**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. **Kirkwood Public Library Inquiry-** Zoe reported that she met with Christa Van Herreweghe and Jigisha Patel of the Kirkwood Public Library who wanted to discuss a possible pop up show at KPAC if/when they present a graphic novel creation workshop series. Zoe felt this would fall primarily under KPAC jurisdiction since the timing would be dependent on the KPAC schedule. Zoe stated that the need for a community based exhibition space at the Community Center should remain under consideration in the future. Mark Braun said that the International Photography Museum may have temporary exhibition walls to lend.
2. **KPAC GM Report**
   1. Upcoming Events- No report
3. **ARTS COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT**
4. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting Date September 17th, 2024**

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**Chair:** Zoe Perkins

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