**Kirkwood Arts Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

**Kirkwood Park Maintenance**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Erika Whittaker, Stefanie Kirkland, Andy Palombo, Liz Crabtree (GM of KPAC), Art McDonnell (KAF).

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**: None
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 20, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**\*No September meeting.  
   Zoe Perkins called the meeting to order. Mark Braun moved to approve the minutes

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

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. **Kirkwood Arts Foundation Update**  
      April Morris reported that the committee will meet next on Wednesday, Oct. 16 to continue planning the upcoming gala. The sponsorship flyer has been distributed. Cathy Brandon is working on ads and a social media flyer. April Morris plans to add it to the Kirkwood Arts Calendar. The Webster/Kirkwood Times ads are currently being planned for and discussed.
   2. **Making Music Concert Series**   
      Committee Chair Erika Whittaker was not in attendance. Zoe Perkins reported that the final concert of the series was moved to the Reim Theater due to weather and was very well attended. Several commissioners suggested that there have been issues with weather with the Harvest Concert in the past. Would it be possible to reserve the Reim Theater for the next year in advance in case of bad weather? Rachel Brandt reported that she would pose that question to the MMCS committee at the next meeting.
   3. **MACAA Report**  
      No report.
   4. **Gallery Program at KPAC**  
      April Morris reported that the next opening will be Wednesday, November 13. The artists are John Foster (painter), Tracy Haynes (photographer) and Charles Williams (graphic/digital collage).
   5. **Outdoor Public Art**   
      Zoe Perkins reported that the committee met on Oct. 14 and that a future plan for
   6. landscaping was discussed. She added mulch to the display and all agreed it looks lovely and is a nice addition. The sculpture presentation date is still to come; committee discussion is still needed for planning on that event. Mary Butkus proposed the idea to hold the unveiling event before the KAF gala on Nov 14, which encouraged discussion about joining the ceremony with an existing event. April Morris mentioned we could also incorporate it into the KPAC Gallery Opening which is already a free art event to attend and may draw more visitors. All agreed this was a good idea.   
      Zoe Perkins reported that Donna Poe and she had a meeting with Russ about the discussions about a future arts project at Bisso Park.
   7. **Communications Committee**No report.
2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. **Greentree Festival Tent Report:** April Morris reported that Erika Whittaker did a fine job setting up the tent. We had around 250 KPAC ticket drawing entries which is nearly twice as much as previous years. Winners of the contest were Carrie Martin, Cindy Haynes, and Kim McKinley.

b. **Roll up for the Arts Initiative Update:** No report.

**V. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER MATTERS:** None

1. **KPAC GM Report:** None.Liz Crabtree was not present.
2. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:**April Morris suggested we may need a couple more commissioners. The group agreed. Zoe Perkins suggested possibly another ad in the Webster/Kirkwood Times. Rachel Brandt suggested mentioning it on social media and in the Arts Newsletter.
3. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting Date –November 19th, 2024**

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**Chair:** Zoe Perkins

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