**Kirkwood Arts Commission**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 5:00 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting**

**In Attendance:** Zoe Perkins-Chair; Jim Erwin-Vice Chair, Glenda Hares, Deanna Stephenson, Stefanie Kirkland, Gary Hochberg, Ellen Edman, Art McDonnell-Ad Hoc Kirkwood Arts Foundation, Agnes Garino-Kirkwood Arts Commission, Rick Duplissie-KPAC General Manager, Maggie Duwe-Council Liaison, Kyle Henke-Staff Liaison

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** – There were no citizen comments.
2. **APPROVE SEPTEMBER 1 & 29, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

a. September 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Glenda Hares moved that the September 1, 2020, minutes be approved. Deanna Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

b. September 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Glenda Hares moved that the September 29, 2020 minutes be approved. Gary Hochberg seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. Making Music Concerts

Gary has confirmed that 6 of the 7 bands originally scheduled for 2020 have agreed to analogous dates for 2021. Ralph Butler Band has not yet responded but there is no urgency yet. Gary will send new contracts soon.

* 1. Art at the Station

Zoe reported that this continues to be on hold due to the Station closure.

* 1. Kirkwood Arts Foundation

Art McDonnell reported that the annual fundraising brochure has been designed featuring KPAC and Rick Duplissie.

In addition to the fundraising request, there is an opportunity to fund art at KPAC, with notice of a founding grant by Agnes and Dave Garino.

* 1. Sculpture on the Move

Rick reported that Agnes will continue to be a contact for Sculpture on the Move. The CCA meeting for this program in 2021 on November 9, 2020.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   1. Brother Mel Refurbish Project

There is a bid from Blastco to repaint Forever and Forever for $6,250. Jim moved that the KAC recommend the acceptance of this bid by the City Council. Stefanie seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Ordinance for Art for New Construction – 1% for Art Initiative

Deanna presented information on different types of programs to fund public art by requiring that a percentage of development costs be devoted paying for specific artwork or paying into a fund for public art.

Maggie Duwe suggested that Mayor Griffin and City Attorney John Hessel be apprise of KAC’s interest.

Among the issues to be addressed by a potential ordinance would be: are the development projects public or private, sizes of development project, percentage of cost to art, who selects the art, and which features would be feasible for Kirkwood.

Jim moved that KAC form a subcommittee to research Percent for Art and applicability to Kirkwood. Stefanie seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Deanna, Jim, and Ellen will be the committee members.

* 1. Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.

1. **KPAC GM Report**
   1. Gateway Foundation Sculpture Update

Rick reported that the contact for this project has been out of town and unable to visit the site.

* 1. KPAC Parking Lot Sculpture Update

Zoe has contacted Meredith at Via LLC about a call for artists using a $48,000 budget. Meredith suggested 3 artists and a $750-1000 payment to artists for concept development. There was a discussion about call for art the range of the artists’ discretion on number of sculptures, size, and locations and how to convey KPAC’s identity. Stefanie will work with Zoe on the requirements.

* 1. Upcoming Events

Rick announced that an international flying company will use KPAC stage for projects November 14, 2020 at 1 PM. He will send invitations and require an RSVP to limit the audience due to corona virus restrictions.

* 1. Website Update

There was a discussion about increasing the visibility of KPAC websi5e to the general public in order to promote events to the public beyond the city. The KPAC website needs to be accessible without going through the city website, while it will also be possible to reach the KPAC website through the city website.

There are new photos.

There will be a KPAC calendar online before the grand opening.

* 1. New and Exciting

A 7 foot Ballwin grand piano is in the lobby and has already been used for the Winter Opera. It may be moved into the theater.

1. **Arts Commission Chair Report**
   1. Mel Bay Project

Zoe reported that she discussed a Mel Bay memorial with John Zweig, jazz guitarist and long term friend of Mel Bay. Mel Bay is nationally and internationally known in the music world. There was a discussion on possible ways to recognize him, ranging from a historic site marker, sculpture, concert series, and scholarship. Giving back to the community (i.e., scholarship) can enhance fundraising efforts.

Stefanie, Rick and Ellen will work with Zoe on defining possible projects.

* 1. Union Pacific Trestle Maintenance Update

The City is working with the RR to clean up the area by controlling unsightly brush.

Glenda will research Webster Groves Art Commission’s experience working Burlington Northern on enhancing railroad infrastructure.

* 1. Future Commission Member

Art offered to follow up with Allie Gant as a potential member.

1. **Arts Commission Staff Liaison Report**
   1. Intersection Art Update

Kyle reported that the ordering of paint and painting work have been removed from the contractor’s work schedule due to inappropriate time of year/weather.

* 1. Argonne Avenue Renovation Project

Kyle reported that a decision of the City grant proposal for this project should be reported in November. If the grant is awarded and implemented a walkway in the center may be an art or history walk.

1. **ADJOURNMENT—**a security violation occurred at approximately 6:30 that consumed the remaining meeting time and the Zoom engagement ended at 6:40 due to another reservation.

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**Chair:** Zoe Perkins

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