

**MINUTES OF THE  
Lone Tree Arts Commission Regular Meeting  
City of Lone Tree Arts Center  
10075 Commons Street  
6:30 p.m. April 9, 2014**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Bob Meldrum called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Arts Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Bob Meldrum, Vice-Chairman Nora Pearson, Commissioners Carin Buster, Debi Haning, Kerry Jamison, Janice Hubbell and Mary Rogers. Also present was Lisa Peterson, Executive Director, Lone Tree Arts Center. Absent was Sally Perisho, Arts Curator.

**2. Additions to the Agenda**

No additions were made to the agenda. Vice-Chairman Nora Pearson and Commissioner Carin Buster motioned and approved.

**3. Staff Report**

Lisa Peterson, Executive Director, Lone Tree Arts Center shared the upcoming 2014-15 Mainstage Season, Tunes on the Terrace shows, and other plans with the Commissioners.

**4. Commissioner Reports**

Chairman Bob Meldrum asked for commissioner reports from the three committees.

Public Art Committee: Commissioner Debi Haning distributed images of donated art and proposed locations for pieces from the donated collection. Commissioner Debi Haning and Sally Persiho, Arts Curator met with Public Works to make sure locations were viable and Public Works agreed that they look good. Commissioner Debi Haning asked for the Arts Commissioner's approval so that the locations can then be proposed to City Council and the art pieces can then be placed. Commissioner Carin Buster expressed concern about placing a work at the library which will close within the next few years. Commissioner Kerry Jamison expressed her admiration for the Gehry furniture and her hope that it could be placed in a public place such as the library, but Commissioner Debi Haning said it was too awkward to place it there. Lisa Peterson, Executive Director, Lone Tree Arts Center reminded the commissioners that the placement of the donated collection will have to follow approved public art procedures, which include opportunities for community feedback about the proposed work and locations. Chairman Bob Meldrum asked about restoration costs. Lisa Peterson, Executive Director, Lone Tree Arts Center replied that these costs are in the 2014 capital art project budget, and that a restorer has been identified and is ready to move forward upon final approval. Commissioner Mary Rogers made a motion to approve to recommended

placement – Commissioner Carin Buster seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Commissioner Debi Haning noted that special recognition and appreciation should be expressed to former Chairman Lucius Brooker who continues to be closely involved with decisions regarding the donated collection. Vice-Chairman Nora Pearson's South Suburban Parks and Recreation's Public Art Committee term is up and she would be happy to serve another two year term if the Arts Commission desires. Commissioner Janice Hubbell made a motion and Commissioner Mary Rogers seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Vice-Chairman Nora Pearson also reported that "Open Window" by artist Ted Schaal will be installed in mid-May at the Lone Tree Golf Club and Arts Commissioners are all invited to attend. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, the Eye of the Camera photo exhibit opens at the Littleton Museum and Arts Commissioners are also invited to attend.

Children's Programming Committee: Commissioner Kerry Jamison reported about a recent Children's Programming Choices meeting during which criteria for selection was discussed. The next Passport to Culture will be this Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and will feature the dance group Funkinetics. The Arts Center will host a combination Passport/City event, KidsFest, on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and admission is free. Commissioners remarked about the popularity of the Passport program and endorsed the low prices that make the program so affordable to families.

Public Art Committee: Commissioner Mary Hardin reported that preparations for the Photo Show, Exploring the Light, are mostly completed. There will be 62 pieces of art to display. This is a bit fewer pieces than last year, but the lower number will allow each piece to be displayed appropriately without crowding the walls. All Arts Commissioners are encouraged to attend the reception on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. The Mayor and Chairman Bob Meldrum will be making remarks. The event will be catered, and an ensemble from the Lone Tree Symphony Orchestra will perform. It is anticipated that approximately 300 people will attend the reception. Commissioner Mary Rogers encouraged Commissioners to recommend the Juror's April 26<sup>th</sup> workshop for photographers. The Lone Tree Photo Club is very involved in planning and promoting and producing the show book. Volunteers are still needed for June 9 and 10 for take-down and Best in Show hanging. Commissioners noted that the current rental exhibit, the Continental League, was a great tribute to the student artists featured. Chairman Bob Meldrum asked if a Commissioners' Choice was awarded at the Photo Show as at the Art Exhibition. Staff subsequently informed the Commission that the answer was no, and that a People's Choice Award was made instead.

Arts Commission Focus: Chairman Bob Meldrum gave a recap of the Arts Commission presentations to City Council both for the annual update and then the Commissioners' Choice presentation. Chairman Bob Meldrum reported that Council was very pleased with the Commission's work and the new committee structure. He said that City Council is eager to move forward with the large piece acquisition at the Arts Center and are awaiting word about the land reconfiguration on the property. At a subsequent City Council meeting, Chairman Bob Meldrum made a presentation about Douglas County Art Encounters selections. Additionally, artist Rita Derjue was approved as the Commissioners' Choice selection. Council praised the entire Commissioners' Choice program.

Commissioners are waiting for staff to decide dates of the next Commissioners' Choice exhibit in August and September.

**5. 2015 Budget** - Chairman Bob Meldrum asked each committee to come up with budget proposals for the May meeting and then the Arts Commission will make its recommendations for budget increases to the City Council. Lisa Peterson, Executive Director, LTAC urged the Commission to consider recommending projects with an awareness of the greater context of City and Council budget priorities. Further discussion will take place at the May Arts Commission meeting.

**6. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – City of Lone Tree** - Commissioner Mary Rogers asked about the prospect of the Arts Commission putting together a committee for the City's 20th Anniversary celebration in 2015. Vice-Chairman Nora Pearson reported that the Chamber of Commerce is already planning a number of different events to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the City. The City will also plan a number of activities. Arts Commissioners expressed an interest in being involved, perhaps by putting on an arts festival, hosting artist demonstrations, and a number of other activities. Lisa Peterson, Executive Director, LTAC said that the City will be working on anniversary plans and will share with City leadership that the Arts Commission would like to put together a committee to address this from an arts perspective.

**7. Arts Commission Education** - Vice-Chairman Nora Pearson asked if any commissioners would be interested in another field trip, this time to the Kirkland Museum. Everyone would be responsible for paying for their own admission, but Vice-Chairman Nora Pearson and Chairman Bob Meldrum think that there is leftover Arts Commission money to pay for a bus to transport everyone downtown. Commissioner Janice Hubbell would like to go to the Clyfford Still Museum. Vice-Chairman Nora Pearson said that would be a good addition to the trip. Vice-Chairman Nora Pearson will call the Kirkland Museum for details and talk to Sally Pershio, Art Curator to see if this can be arranged. Commissioners all agreed that two or three trips like this a year would be very desirable.

**8. Next Meeting Agenda Items** - Further budget discussion. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Lone Tree Arts Center.

**9. Adjournment** - Commissioner Carin Buster motioned to adjourn and Commissioner Kerry Jamison seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.