

**MINUTES OF THE
Lone Tree Arts Commission Regular Meeting
City of Lone Tree Arts Center
10075 Commons Street
6:30 p.m. June 11, 2014**

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Nora Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Arts Commissioners in attendance were Vice-Chairman Nora Pearson, Commissioners Janice Hubbell, Debi Haning, Carin Buster and Kerry Jamison. Also present was Jeannene Bragg, Operations Director, Lone Tree Arts Center (LTAC). Absent were Chairman Bob Meldrum and Commissioner Mary Hardin.

2. Additions to the Agenda

No additions were made to the agenda.

3. Approval of the May 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Haning noted a correction in the minutes; the spelling of artist Ted Schaal's name will be corrected. **Ms. Haning motioned and Ms. Hubbell seconded approval with the noted change. Upon voting, the motion passed unanimously.**

4. Staff Report

Ms. Bragg presented the staff report. The LTAC 2013-2014 Season officially ended with the Piper Kerman presentation. Tunes on the Terrace and our summer season starts on June 20, 2014. The City of Lone Tree events season kicked off with the KidsFest which was great, but had to be cancelled partway through due to heavy rain and tornado warnings. The Commissioners were invited to attend the Youth Commission Bowling Tournament. LTAC staff is currently working on the budget and children's programming.

Ms. Haning asked if there was feedback on the Piper Kerman event. Ms. Bragg replied that we did not receive much direct feedback, but that the event was attended by many first time attendees and there was a long line for autograph signing after the presentation. Vice-Chair Pearson said that she attended and thought it was extraordinary and brought in new audiences.

Ms. Hubble asked about the SCFD Tier II application. Ms. Bragg explained that it had been submitted and we were awaiting final confirmation that LTAC qualified for Tier II which is expected in the next few weeks. There was a discussion among the committee about what the additional funds might be used for. Ms. Bragg stated that the funds would go into the LTAC Operating budget and would help to reduce the City General Fund contribution to the Center over time.

5. Commissioner Reports

Ms. Hubble reported that she attended the Children's Programming Committee meeting and there would be an update on that later on the agenda.

Ms. Haning reported that the Public Art Committee met on Monday. Most of the discussion was about the Gorgeous Gertie sculpture that was installed in front of LTAC. The committee would like to see the City fund a \$35,000 public art piece for a location outside of LTAC, such as Civic Center or the Kimmer Administration Building. Ms. Haning and Vice-Chair Pearson are planning a field trip to the Kirkland Museum and will send an email with potential dates to the group.

Vice-Chair Pearson reported that South Suburban Parks and Recreation Public Art Committee had installed Ted Schaal's artwork Open Window at the Lone Tree Golf Course on June 6, and encouraged all to go see it. Vice-Chair Pearson said the City should thank them for the donation and that she would ask Chair Meldrum to send a letter. Two other pieces were also installed by South Suburban.

Vice-Chair Pearson reported that there was an issue with Gorgeous Gertie, a piece by artist Sherrill Stone that was installed in front of LTAC as part of the Art Encounters program. The piece the committee selected was a brightly colored bronze; the piece that was installed is white marble. The public art committee did not feel the white piece was appropriate for the installation with the other colored pieces in the area and was very disappointed they didn't get the piece they selected.

Ms. Bragg added that she had talked to the artist who told her the piece was also selected by another community in Nevada and was sent there instead. The artist said she obtained consent of Sally Perisho, LTAC Art Curator to make the substitution. The artist offered a substitute piece that is more colorful, a stylized figure in red marble called Sahara. Ms. Bragg showed photos of this piece to the committee. Ms. Bragg also reported that she attended the Art Encounters committee meeting and that committee felt strongly that Lone Tree should either accept the currently installed piece or a substitute from the same artist since she had been paid. If the committee chose to place a piece from another artist in this space, that was fine, but it wouldn't be part of the Art Encounters program or voting and there might be some question about receiving the reimbursement for Sherrill Stone's artist fee.

Ms. Hubble made a motion that the Commission recommends the substitution of the new piece, Sahara, in place of Gorgeous Gertie to the City Council. This was seconded by Ms. Jamison and passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair Pearson said that she attended the Chalk Art Festival on Larimer Square and wanted to recommend that we do a similar event as part of the City's 20th Anniversary Celebration. Ms. Pearson shared photos of the event and asked Ms. Bragg to pass this idea on to the City's event coordinator Lesley Johnson. She also suggested that the Arts Commission should be very active in the event and would be happy to brainstorm ideas with Lesley.

6. Frequency of Arts Commission Meetings

The Committee discussed the various suggestions for frequency and time of meetings. There was consensus that 6:00 p.m. would be a better starting time than 6:30 p.m. and that the Commission should move to meeting every other month rather than monthly. Ms. Pearson stated that a meeting could be added if necessary at some point and that the committees could continue to meet more frequently if needed. Ms. Bragg stated she could send email reminders to the group of events in between meetings.

Ms. Haning made a motion to move the Arts Commission meeting to every other month on the 2nd Wed. at 6 p.m. Ms. Buster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be on August 13 at 6:00 p.m.

7. Children's Programming 2014/2015

The Children's Programming Committee met and discussed ideas for Seedlings and Passport to Culture. Ms. Bragg gave an update on booking the groups for these events. She stated that she was still juggling dates with some groups but would email the committee once it was finalized. She asked the committee to review a video of one group she had emailed and let her know if they felt it was a fit for Passport to Culture. Top Hogs was discussed and all agreed it sounded like a fun program. The plan is to book them again, as well as a bird show by the same group. There was also discussion that it would be good to bring back the Irish Step Dancers in the future as it was a sold out event.

8. Donated Art Collection Study Session Presentation

Ms. Haning reported that she and Lisa Rigsby Peterson, LTAC Executive Director, made a presentation to the City Council regarding the donated art. The City Council gave direction to place three of the pieces, one in the Civic Center Building and two on the LTAC grounds.

Ms. Bragg reported that the City Council requested to meet with the Public Art Committee on June 17 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the adjustment of the placements within the site. Ms. Haning will attend; Vice-Chair Pearson will attend but will be late. In addition, Ms. Bragg shared that City Council asked staff to have initial discussion with the owners of the private properties recommended for art placement.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Haning moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Ms. Buster seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.