

MINUTES OF THE Lone Tree Arts Commission Regular Meeting

**City of Lone Tree Arts Center
10075 Commons Street
6 p.m. August 13, 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 Janice Hubbell, Mary Hardin, Carin Buster, Kerry Jamison and Debi Haning. Also present were Sally Perisho, Art Curator; Jeannene Bragg, Operations Director, Lone Tree Arts Center (LTAC); and Seth Hoffman, Lone Tree City Manager. No commissioners were absent.

2. Additions to the Agenda

Several additions were made the agenda, which will be reflected in the minutes below. The agenda items were also taken out of order to accommodate the schedule of the city manager.

3. Approval of the May 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Hardin motioned and Commissioner Buster seconded. Upon voting, the motion passed unanimously with no changes.

4. Kirkland Museum Field Trip (added item)

Commissioner Buster has been working to organize a field trip to the Kirkland Museum for interested members. It has been scheduled for Sept. 27th at around 10 a.m. Members will pay their own admission and will carpool to the museum with an optional lunch afterward. The time will be firmed up when we receive confirmation about a tour.

Commissioner Hubbell asked if we could include Kathy Spuhler from the SCFD and few others who she met on a recent Douglas County tour of the Denver Art Museum. Commissioner Buster will check on numbers who can go on the tour, but it was generally agreed that inviting others would be fine. Ms. Bragg was asked to send an invite to the City Council.

5. Taste of Lone Tree Participation (added item)

Commissioner Pearson asked what the plans were for participation in the Taste of Lone Tree. Ms. Bragg relayed that the Chamber was happy to provide a table if we wanted to staff it. Various ideas for collateral to place at the table were offered. Chair Meldrum suggested that he could create a video to be displayed on a laptop as had been done in the past. Commissioner Pearson suggested we needed an Arts Commission brochure as had been done several years ago. Ms. Bragg said she would look into budget and procedure for generating a brochure and would see if the City or Arts Center staff were planning to staff a booth at this event.

6. Arts Commission Schedule (added item)

It was noted that our next regular meeting would conflict with the Boards and Commissions recognition event. Discussion ensued and it was agreed to move the commission meeting to Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.

7. Art Expo Logo (added item)

The event formally known as the Fine Art Exhibition and Sale has been retitled Art Expo on the advice of Curator Perisho. Ms. Bragg presented three options for the new Art Expo logo and asked for feedback to give to the marketing team. The group voted by show of hands with the most votes going to the orange version.

8. Commissioner's Reports

Commissioner Haning reported that she and Commission Pearson had toured the City looking for sites for additional public art pieces. She also contacted Taylor Goertz on the City Public Works staff for advice regarding locations.

Commissioner Haning also reported that two pieces of the donated art collection are being installed and should be in by the end of the month. There was some discussion of the Drip/Puddle piece to be installed in the Civic Center because the installation costs came in higher than expected. Ms. Perisho said that it should be installed without the puddle portion and that was the intention all along. Ms. Bragg relayed that staff is working to set up a ceremony once the art is installed to include the commission, the family that donated the artwork, City Council and others.

Commissioner Jamison asked if the Children's programming flyer had been given to all local schools. Ms. Bragg said she would find out from the Marketing Director. Commissioner Jamison also created an online Sign-Up Genius form for Commissioners to volunteer to staff the table at Passport to Culture and other activities. There was a lengthy discussion about marketing and procedures for Passport to Culture. Several members recommended a schedule for the events be placed inside each passport. The number of stickers needed to get a free tickets was also discussed. Commissioner Jamison made a motion that each child receive a free ticket to Passport to Culture after collecting six stickers; Commissioner Hardin seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Chair Meldrum recommended we create signage with the new policy and add it to the passports themselves.

Commissioner Hardin said that there is a lot of work ahead of the Exhibition Committee for the Fall show and that she was looking forward to working with Lesley on this, once Lesley returned from vacation.

Commissioner Pearson reminded the group of the upcoming dedication of Open Window, an art piece purchased by South Suburban Parks and Recreation for the Lone Tree Golf club. The event is at 5 p.m. on August 22 followed by a band called the Hip Replacements.

9. Staff Reports: Seth Hoffman, City Manager

Mr. Hoffman made a presentation to the commission about Major City Projects and Priorities for the next five to seven years. He discussed a number of items including:

- Charles Schwab and other business expansion
- Rapid residential sales and new projects
- Upcoming transportation improvements
- Southeast Corridor Light Rail Extension
- Lincoln Pedestrian Bridge
- Entertainment District
- New Library Site/Existing Library Site

Mr. Hoffman noted that in particular the last three items on the list would be very important in terms of design and may include some public art components. He said that the Lincoln Pedestrian Bridge would be a significant, very visible landmark and needed to be designed carefully with artistry in mind. He stated there would be an extensive public process to make sure the design and plans were in keeping with the character of Lone Tree and that the Commission would be involved in the larger public discussion.

The Entertainment District plans may be an opportunity for public art, but that it would have to be carefully designed due to the utilities in the area which run underneath the plaza.

The new Library, located right across from LTAC, presents opportunities for a festival site or community gathering area. He stated there would be a process of community input taking place this fall, in which the commission would be welcome to participate. He also mentioned that the City would be buying the existing library and creating plans and looking for partners to the future use of this building.

Commissioner Jamison asked about plans for schools in the area. Mr. Hoffman said that the school district makes those plans and that about 60 acres was dedicated on the east side of I-25 for future school sites.

Commissioner Pearson stated that public gardens are an important part of any public art program and asked that they be considered in future planning. Mr. Hoffman said a large flower garden was envisioned as part of a future park in the area.

Chair Meldrum asked what the opportunity was for the Commission to be involved in these major projects. Mr. Hoffman replied that there would be many opportunities within the bigger public process.

Ms. Perisho asked who the architect for the Library is. Mr. Hoffman replied that it is Anderson Mason Dale, a Colorado based firm. Ms. Perisho said they are an excellent firm that really cares about art and design.

Mr. Hoffman was asked about the Board and Commission recognition event and stated that it is an appreciation event with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and there would be a brief presentation from each commission. Part of the focus would be on

getting the various commissions to know what the others are working on and to start conversations among them.

Commissioner Haning asked about the status for the public art budget request. Mr. Hoffman replied that staff had submitted the request to Council and they would consider it at an upcoming Council budget retreat to get direction. At this time a presentation was not needed, but Ms. Bragg would bring direction back to the group following the retreat.

Staff Report: Art Curator Sally Perisho

Ms. Perisho reported on the success of the Rita Derjue reception and show. Six works have been sold for a total of \$4,450. Commissioner Buster said how much she enjoyed the tour Rita gave and asked if we could do that for future shows. Commissioners were pleased with the turnout and recommended that Thursday evenings be considered for future receptions.

Ms. Perisho also reported that she had made recommendations to the public art committee regarding the next commissioner's choice selection and had reviewed and provided commentary regarding the pieces submitted through Café. Ms. Bragg is working to allow committee members access to Café online so they can review these works in advance of the next Public Art Committee meeting. It was discussed that we need a meeting of this committee in Sept.

Staff Report: Jeannene Bragg, LTAC Operations Director

Ms. Bragg reported that August had been extremely successful in terms of ticket sales. Judy Collins and Home for the Holidays were especially strong sellers. Since August 4th, we have sold 2,101 tickets for a total of \$72,363.70. Last August we sold \$56,745 in the whole month. We are also only one away from filling 500 subscriptions.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice-Chair Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Hardin. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08.