

**Minutes of the
Lone Tree Arts Commission Regular Meeting
Lone Tree Arts Center
10075 Commons Street
6:00pm, December 9, 2015**

1. Call to Order

Chair Nora Pearson called the meeting or order at 6:04pm. Arts Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Kerry Jamison, Janice Hubbell, Marianne Pestana and Susan Stiff. Also present were Lisa Peterson, Executive Director, Lone Tree Arts Center (LTAC), Courtney Ozaki Moch, Operations and Business Director, Lone Tree Arts Center, (LTAC) and Kathy Denzer, Administrative Assistant, Lone Tree Arts Center (LTAC). Commissioner Mary Hardin and Vice Chair Debi Haning were not in attendance.

2. Additions to the Agenda

Chair Pearson asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were no additions suggested.

3. Approval of the August Meeting Minutes

There were no changes to the minutes. Commissioner Jamison made a motion to approve the minutes, which Commissioner Hubble seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Introduction of Courtney Ozaki Moch, Operations and Business Director

Ms. Peterson introduced Ms. Moch, our new Liaison to the Arts Commission. Ms. Moch shared some of her background and experience with those in attendance.

5. Public Art Update

- A. Interior Art Piece - Chair Pearson announced that the committee to select the interior art piece for the LTAC will be formed. Chair Pearson stated that Betty Winslow and Pat Braden will be the Lone Tree Cultural Arts Foundation representatives on the Selection Committee. There was discussion about the location of committee meetings, which will take place at public facilities, most likely the Arts Center itself. Chair Pearson is hopeful the committee will be established soon and that the process can begin as early as late January, 2016 or early February 2016. Ms. Peterson shared details of the process for the selection of the art piece for the LTAC, including the engagement of a curator to lead the process. The total amount allocated for this art piece is \$31,500.00, excluding consultant fees. The final Selection Committee will follow the Council-approved formal process for public art acquisition and will include members from the Arts Commission, the Cultural Arts Foundation, and Lone Tree community members.

- B. Commissioners' Choice – Chair Pearson reiterated scheduled dates for this show, January 8, 2016 – March 5, 2016. The opening reception is scheduled for Friday, January 22, 2016 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- C. Art Encounters – Chair Pearson first updated the group on the Red Box Tree piece that the City donated to South Suburban Parks and Recreation. The piece will then be on display at the Lone Tree Golf Club near the tennis courts. Once the foundation is poured, it will need to settle for about 30 days before the actual installation can take place. Chair Pearson stated that the Art Encounters program for 2016 has already opened the Call-For-Entry (CAFÉ) this past November. Entries can be made through February 8, 2016. There have only been two submissions to date. Chair Pearson went on to say that there is concern within the Art Encounters committee because of the lack of interest in participating in this program. Although the honorarium was increased from \$500 to \$800 for 2016, there is hope this will draw more interest. Highlands Ranch as a member of this group is planning to send out a Press Release around the first of January to potential artists to further encourage participation. Elain Mariner from Parker suggested hiring a curator for the selection process. Commissioner Pestana suggested additional advertising such as flyers and email blasts. Ms. Peterson stated she would send the link to CAFÉ on to Commissioner Pestana for further email opportunities. Other Art Encounters participants include Roxborough Park, Highlands Ranch, Parker and Castle Rock. Chair Pearson shared the appreciation expressed to LTAC for hosting past Art Encounters meetings. Future meeting locations will be distributed between all member venues.
- D. Children's Programming – Commissioners Hubble and Jamison provided an update on the "Page to Stage" performances by the Colorado Ballet at Acres Green, Eagle Ridge and Lone Tree Elementary schools. The program was very well received and the school children seemed to really enjoy the ballet. Several favorable comments were received from both school staff and parents. Overall a very successful Outreach program and the Commissioners look forward to planning possibly two for next year. The challenge is reaching the teachers earlier to communicate plans. To conclude not all grades were able to attend the performances and this would be a goal for next year to include K-6. Commissioner Jamison suggested doing opera themed performances next year. Commissioner Stiff mentioned that both Opera Colorado and the Central City Opera have great Outreach programs.
- E. Holiday Card –Commissioner Hubbell reported that the Holiday Card program this year was a great success. The colorful Stag Deer submitted by Evan Watkins was selected as the winner. Evan received a check for \$50, art materials along with his final card framed. Evan's teachers received a \$50 gift certificate for art supplies for their classroom. Evan was recognized at the City Council meeting and personally congratulated by all City Council members.
- F. Passport to Culture – Ms. Moch asked for the Commissioners' assistance in signing up for the remaining Passport programs next year. Ms. Moch stated that new programs for the 2016-2017 season will be considered after the APAP Convention in

New York this coming January. Several acts and performances are available for negotiation at this convention that Ms. Peterson attends.

10. Staff Report

Ms. Peterson announced that City Council has approved new upgrades for the LTAC which include a new lighting system in the lobby area, new sound speaker system and listening system. These installations will require closure of certain areas within the LTAC. Currently the calendar is tentative at this time for further art shows during summer months. This is the time period that closures most likely will occur.

The Curated Show Running Dialogue opening reception was very well received. This show is visually enjoyable and we anticipate 5280 Magazine will be doing an article on the show. The Commissioners all agreed, stating the show was very cohesive, was nicely diversified and flowed well. Commissioner Pestanta stated the artists selected for this show are well known and several have displayed in major galleries and museums. Ms. Moch mentioned that there has been a new calendar created outlining art shows for the 2015 and 2016 season. The Arts Expo show will be in November/December of 2016 and the Commissioners' Choice will run during the holiday season.

Ms. Peterson went on to say the holiday season at the Arts Center is rapidly underway. The Allan Harris Group's Nat King Cole Holiday show brought in a huge audience. The Nutcracker was on stage several times over the weekend, the Tartan Terrors are on stage tonight, the John Denver Holiday group begins rehearsals this weekend, the Boulder Philharmonic will perform segments from Handel's Messiah, concluding with One Man Star Wars and the end of December. In January, LTAC will produce the world premiere of Reunion 1985 to include memories and sounds of the 80's, audience interaction, including dancing. Broadway star Christine Ebersole will be performing at the Arts Center in late January.

Ms. Peterson also informed the group that the LTAC was awarded the 2015 Denver Mayor's Award for Excellence in Arts and Culture in Innovation. This was awarded to both the LTAC and Phamaly Theatre for their efforts towards Sensor Friendly programming. The LTAC was also awarded the People's Choice Award with Phamaly for Outstanding Collaboration.

Ms. Peterson announced that the LTAC has recently hired Leigh Chandler as our new Marketing Director. Ms. Peterson also asked that as opportunities for promotional ideas related to Arts Commission programs arise that these be directed to Ms. Chandler to ensure that we receive maximum benefit for our efforts.

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Stiff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm and Commissioner Pestana seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Public Art Committee meeting was called to order immediately following the adjournment of the Lone Tree Arts Committee Regular Meeting.

1. Call to Order

Chair Nora Pearson called the meeting or order at 7:05 pm. Arts Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Janice Hubbell, Marianne Pestana and Susan Stiff. Also present were Lisa Peterson, Executive Director, Lone Tree Arts Center (LTAC), and Courtney Ozaki Moch, Operations and Business Director, Lone Tree Arts Center, (LTAC). Vice Chair Debi Haning was not in attendance.

2. Donated Public Art Collection Plan

All commissioners present at the Public Art Meeting were also in attendance during the Regular Arts Commission meeting when donated Art to South Suburban, including the Red Box Tree, was discussed. No further discussion during the Public Art Committee meeting was necessary.

3. Commissioners' Choice

The January 8th, 2016 start-date for the upcoming Commissioners' Choice exhibit, *Explosion of Color*, was reiterated following the previous Arts Commission meeting's discussion. Ms.

Peterson reviewed the council approved policy for selecting Commissioners' Choice artwork:

- Work that is part of a Commissioners' Choice exhibit at the Arts Center must be original artwork.
- The Arts Commission will strive to have artwork on the walls year-round.
- All press releases and marketing related to the Arts Commission needs to flow through Leigh Chandler, Lone Tree Arts Center Marketing Director.
- All art displayed in the Commissioners' Choice Program will be available for sale exclusively through the Arts Center Box Office for the duration of the exhibit and must be available for sale.
- Selected candidates will submit a portfolio of their work to be reviewed at a regular meeting of the Arts Commission for full Commission approval.

Ms. Moch will share an up-to-date Commissioners' Choice Artist Agreement with all public art committee members. Commissioner Pestana suggested placing ads to spread the word about applying for Commissioners' Choice on CAFÉ and will be in-touch with Leigh.

4. Update on Public Art Piece:

Commissioners attending the Public Art Committee meeting acknowledged that the new piece of public art for the LTAC lobby was discussed during the Arts Commission meeting and all commissioners attending this meeting remained present. Ms. Peterson mentioned that the names of individual artists who Arts Commissioners recognize as potential candidates should be forwarded directly to staff to receive the RFP acquisition so as to avoid any appearance of favorable treatment

5. Giant Urban Flower Bloom:

Commissioner Jamison e-mailed the arts commissioners in advance of our meeting to share an article about HQ Architects' public installation, [Giant Urban Flowers Bloom When Pedestrians Pass By Under Them](#) which was looked at again during the Public Art meeting as an art-piece of note.

6. Announcements and Other News:

- a. **RTD Boxes** - Chair Pearson shared with the group that the city of Lakewood's phone boxes along the light rail are painted with artwork. Ms. Peterson will inquire with City staff to see if there is a possibility of this kind of project in Lone Tree along the light rail extension.
- b. **Ladies Fancywork Society** – Ms. Moch mentioned the Ladies Fancywork Society to the commissioners. Ladies Fancywork Society is a group of knit artists who worked with the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs and the Central Platte Valley Metropolitan District, to produce “yarn bomb installations” on the light rail fence at Union Station in downtown Denver in 2010.

7. Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- a. The next Public Art Committee meeting will be held on January 13th at 6:00 PM in the conference room of the Lone Tree Arts Center. The committee will discuss the RFP for 2016's lobby installation. The City-selected project curator will be invited to attend the February Arts Commission meeting.

8. Adjournment:

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