

**MINUTES OF THE
Lone Tree Arts Commission Regular Meeting
City of Lone Tree Arts Center
10075 Commons Street
6:00 p.m. February 11, 2015**

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Nora Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Arts Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Debi Haning, Susan Stiff, Kerry Jamison, Mary Hardin and Janice Hubble. Also present was Jeannene Bragg, Operations Director, Lone Tree Arts Center and Lesley Colwell, Special Events Coordinator, Lone Tree Arts Center. Absent was Chair Bob Meldrum.

2. Additions to the Agenda

Election of Officers and Committee Selection was added to the agenda.

3. Approval of the December 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

4. KidsFest Input Session

Lesley Colwell presented information about KidsFest which will occur on June 7, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Lone Tree Arts Center, primarily outdoors. Ms. Colwell described the event from last year and asked for input from the Commission, especially regarding kids' art activities. The event is aimed at children ages 3-8. Last year it included a band, juggler, various arts and craft booths, chalk art, cave of confusion and Dino Ridge. It was well received, but cut short due to a tornado warning.

She also presented an idea for a mural, which kids could paint or color. The Commission was very receptive to the idea of the mural.

Commissioner Jamison suggested she would prefer interactive activities rather than face painting and the consensus of the Commission was that interactive activities and those that would accommodate more kids at one time were preferred. Commissioner Stiff suggested a number of groups she has worked with at other events including the Colorado Children's Chorale and Butterfly Pavilion. She will follow up with contact information to Ms. Colwell. Other ideas included a photo booth and a young student violinist who played at Taste of Lone Tree last year.

5. Selection of Officers and Committees

Vice Chair Pearson and Commissioner Haning suggested they would like to serve as co-chairs and share the responsibility since Chair Meldrum is stepping down from his position. Commissioner Hubble made a motion for Co-Chairs which was seconded by Commissioner Jamison and passed unanimously.

(Note: Subsequent to the meeting, Ms. Bragg was advised that Board and Commission regulations did not allow for co-chairs and discussed this with Vice Chair Pearson and Commissioner Haning. Vice Chair Pearson agreed to serve as Chair and Commissioner Haning agreed to serve as Vice Chair.)

Committee preferences were discussed and the following committees were agreed to:

Public Art: Vice Chair Haning, Chair Pearson and Commissioner Stiff and members.

Children's Programming: Commissioners Hubble and Jamison and members.

Exhibitions: Commissioner Hardin and members (who will work with staff.)

6. Public Art Update

Commissioner Haning reported that the Commissioners Choice show and reception had taken place. She said it is a beautiful exhibition and that one piece was sold at the reception. She said the reception benefited from having the donor reception and show on the same evening and recommended that we pair our receptions with other events in the future.

Commissioner Haning also reported that she, Vice Chair Pearson and Chair Meldrum (via phone) had met with Mayor Gunning and were told that at this time all public art projects were on hold. She said they were very disappointed with this message and asked for more information and gave the Mayor some additional ideas. The Mayor said he would speak with the Council and get back to them with more information.

Vice Chair Pearson reported, that she had talked with two Council members who were fine with a piece of the donated collection going to South Suburban. Ms. Bragg reported that she had not received any office direction from City Council on the issue, but would follow up with the City Manager.

Vice Chair Pearson made a motion that a piece of the donated collection be given to South Suburban for placement at the Tennis Courts or Lone Tree Recreation Center. Commissioner Jamison seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jamison also asked about the status of the Gehry furniture and what the outcome of the Drip/Puddle piece was. Ms. Bragg said that both were in storage and awaiting suitable indoor locations. The previously recommended placement of Drip/Puddle would not work to accommodate both parts of the piece.

Vice Chair Pearson made a motion to ask Council to allow the Public Art Committee to proceed with exploring indoor locations for these two pieces of art. Commissioner Haning seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Pearson also told the group that the Art Encounters submission process had closed on February 15 and that there was some concern about the number of pieces as it was less than in the past.

7. Exhibitions Committee Update

Commissioner Hardin reported that the Arts Expo went well with about 250 attendees at the reception including lots of artists. The show was a success and she was especially impressed with our juror. There was discussion that in the future we ask for more description of the pieces to include background information and a complete description of materials used to give our audience more information and insight into the work.

There was also discussion about the process used to select the Commissioners' Choice award winner. There was some confusion around the choice and the process this year. Commissioner Hardin offered to draft guidelines for this process to be discussed by the group at the next meeting.

The next Art Expo will be Sept. 29 – Nov. 9th. The gathering to select the Commissioners' Award will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

The Photo show will be held April 28-May 31, 2015. The deadline to submit is March 27, 2015. Ms. Bragg said a link and reminder about the submissions will be sent to the full Commission.

8. Children's Programming Committee Update

Commissioner Hubble reported that she had attended the Jamboree, a showcase of Colorado performers and found some interesting possibilities for our programming. She said all levels of talent were present. The Children's Programming Committee will be meeting the next week and would have more to report after that.

9. Staff Report

Ms. Bragg reported that the LTAC Staff are working hard on the 2015-2016 Season selection which would be announced in March.

Commissioner Stiff asked if the group could receive more frequent updates on upcoming events and Ms. Bragg agreed to provide those via email.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Hardin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. which was seconded by Vice Chair Pearson. The motion passed unanimously.