

Minutes of the Lone Tree Arts Commission Regular Meeting

**Lone Tree Arts Center
10075 Commons Street
6:00pm August 12, 2015**

1. Call to Order

Chair Nora Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Arts Commissioners in attendance were Vice Commissioner Debi Haning and Commissioners Kerry Jamison, Mary Hardin, Janice Hubble, and Marianne Pestana. Also present were Jeannene Bragg, Operations Director, Lone Tree Arts Center, Kristen Knoll, Community Outreach Coordinator/PIO, City of Lone Tree, and Katie Konishi, Marketing Assistant, Lone Tree Arts Center.

2. Additions to the Agenda

Chair Pearson asked to add two additional items regarding new business and an update on the donated art. Commissioner Hardin asked for an addition about the Discover Lone Tree weekend within the new business update.

3. Approval of the June Meeting Minutes

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

4. Former Library Building Usage Discussion

Kristen Knoll gave a short presentation on the usage of the former Lone Tree Library building. The city will purchase the building for \$800,000 and is planning on keeping the building as a “City amenity.” They are seeking input from the public on what the space should be used for, keeping in mind the existing constraints of the building. Once the most popular ideas for the use of the building have been gathered, another round of public input meetings will take place. John Cotten, Public Works Director, City of Lone Tree, joined the group briefly at 6:25pm. There was a general consensus from the commission that they’d like to see the building used for some sort of affordable arts (theatre, music, art) classes, for both children and adults. Commissioner Pestana and Chair Pearson also suggested meeting rooms that could be rented out to the public. Chair Pearson also suggested it could serve as a gallery space for less formal, local exhibits. Commissioner Hubble suggested an artist in residence program. Ms. Bragg noted that to have visual art classes, it would be ideal to have a space with a flooring (such as cement) and furnishing that could get dirty.

5. Public Arts Committee Update

A. Arts Encounters

Chair Pearson informed the commission that all pieces were in place, three at LTAC and three at the Vistas in Park Meadows Mall. There was discussion on increasing the artist’s honorarium to between \$800.00-\$1000.00 Ms. Bragg

submitted a request to the City Council for \$1000 during the budget process and will report back to the group with the response.

B. LTAC Interior Piece

Vice Commissioner Haning reported that the Lone Tree Cultural Arts Foundation will have the next meeting next Thursday and want to discuss this piece. They are waiting on Ms. Bragg to submit a letter of agreement.

C. Commissioners Choice

Vice Commissioner Haning shared that the last reception was lovely and suggested that it be shortened to begin an hour later next time. People spent time talking with the artist and shared disappointment that the pieces were smaller and that there were less of them than expected, but seemed to really enjoy the work. Chair Pearson shared that the Timberlines publication had a nice piece about the show and asked that there be more publicity about the next Commissioners Choice.

Ms. Bragg said there were only two artists for the current round of Commissioners' Choice and she would give the most recent to the group.

Chair Pearson said she was asked if there were plans for an exhibit more for the "common man." The group decided this meant something with more mass appeal or more affordable.

D. LTAC Lobby Lighting

Chair Pearson noted there have been a lot of comments about the bad lighting in the lobby and wants to look into an option to improve it. Ms. Bragg said that it had been brought up by a Council Member and LTAC staff was getting a cost estimate. Ms. Bragg stated that she is very direct with artists with discussing shows about the limitations of the lighting and with the fact that we don't typically sell many pieces of art, yet many are disappointed. Commissioner Hubble suggested an approach to the situation of changing and improving what is already there in place instead of tearing the current lights out.

6. Exhibitions Committee Update

The date for the Art Expo Show reception is Saturday, October 3rd from 3pm-5pm and the application is open on Café until September 4th. Commissioner Hardin said that they need to figure out who the juror is and once the pieces are selected and hung, the Commission needs to come up with a date to view the pieces and select the Commissioners' award. The Commissioners requested that the art be up and on display before they come to view it, in order to be fair to the pieces.

Ms. Bragg shared that the "Exploring the Light" photo show dates are May 16th-June 13th next year. The reception date is on a Saturday because Council wants it to be a community event and that works best on a weekend.

7. Children's Programming Committee Update

Commissioner Jamison sent an email to Lone Tree Elementary to see if they had interest in the ballet performance and needs to follow up Eagle Ridge Elementary. Ms. Bragg will send out the Passport schedule to the Commission. Some of the big institutions that LTAC has partnered with are very structured (Children's Museum, Museum of Nature and Science) and Ms. Bragg had to wait until registration opened up for them, which is why it took longer to confirm the schedule. Commissioner Jamison will set up the volunteer schedule for the table at Passport. She also said that if it was needed, the Passport Committee would have a meeting to preview programs for next season's Passport. Commissioner Hardin asked how many stamps were needed to turn in the passport for a free ticket. Ms. Bragg was uncertain of the exact number, but knew it was lessened and confirmed if the child has an old passport, they can combine stamps and turn them in for a free ticket. Ms. Bragg also shared that the Museum of Nature and Science has a great website for in-school programming and to check it out for future Passports.

8. Other Commissioner Reports

Chair Pearson had an update on South Suburban. The Public Art Committee meeting had a unanimous vote to accept the donated art piece "Box Tree" or "Big Red." The acceptance of the art is pending that the City will agree to refurbish it. The City needs to have the Committee confirm that they will take the piece before they agree to refurbish it. The proposal that the Gehry furniture be placed in the former library has been submitted to Council. The request has also been made to have Council/the City Manager come to one of these meetings, but that will likely not occur until sometime after the budget process is complete.

9. Staff Report

Ms. Bragg shared that single tickets went on sale August 3rd and have been doing very well. Tunes on the Terrace is over for the summer and was well received, especially Buddy Holly. Sam Adams attracted a number of new patrons and was very well received.

Ms. Bragg also announced that she is leaving her position in order to have more time with her children, with a likely end date in late October. Lesley Colwell's replacement will be starting in late September.

New Business

- A. The LTAC Open House is September 5th from 1-4pm. Chair Pearson suggested that the commission meet at 1pm to have their picture taken on stage.
- B. Vice Commissioner Haning raised the question of how the Commission advertises. Chair Pearson noted that the exhibits don't get as much press as similar exhibits do in other facilities. Ms. Bragg suggested that the Commission could package content for Katie Maltais and she would submit it to the media. Ms. Bragg and Ms. Konishi will discuss the Commission's concerns regarding publicity with the Marketing Director and report back.

C. Discover Lone Tree Weekend

Commissioner Hardin asked about the level of involvement of the Commission at the LTAC Open House and if volunteers were needed at the Taste of Lone Tree like last year. Ms. Bragg shared that we would not have a table at Taste of Lone Tree this year, due to the Open House and that the event would be covered by LTAC staff members, but if the Commission wanted a table or to volunteer that would be possible.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Hardin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm which was seconded by Vice Commissioner Haning. The motion passed unanimously.