

Notes from a Study Session of the Lone Tree Arts Commission Held October 12, 2016

A regular meeting of the Lone Tree Arts Commission was not convened due to a lack of quorum on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at the Lone Tree Arts Center.

Attendees

Janice Hubbell, Chair

Sarah Heaton, Commissioner

Lisa Rigsby Peterson, Executive Director, Lone Tree Arts Center

Courtney Ozaki Moch, Operations and Business Director, Lone Tree Arts Center

Kathy Denzer, Administrative Assistant, Lone Tree Arts Center

Not in Attendance

Mary Hardin, Vice Chair

Debi Haning, Commissioner

Kerry Jamison, Commissioner

Chair Hubbell noted that a quorum was not present at 6:05 p.m. For the benefit of the Arts Commissioners in attendance, Ms. Ozaki Moch and Ms. Peterson proceeded to share reports on upcoming and ongoing events.

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Art Expo and Opening Night Reception:

Chair Hubbell stated that the event went very well and most of the participating artists were in attendance. There was a fairly good turnout considering that there was not a LTAC performance on the main stage following the exhibition that evening. Chair Hubbell stated during the meeting that the Arts Commission's decision to include an Honorable Mention award in addition to the ongoing Commissioners' Choice award was well-received at the event.

During the event, Commissioner Hardin presented the Juror's statement to the attendees during the event, which explained how the juror had made his selections, seeing as the Juror was not able to attend the event due to a family emergency. Also during the event, Susan Squyer, Mayor Pro Tem, mentioned to the Arts Commissioners how impressed she was with the effect of the new lighting system. Chair Hubbell agrees that the new lighting makes a big difference and brings everything to life; the money allocated for this was well spent. Ms. Peterson recognized during the meeting that the Arts Commissioners had an impactful role in the Council's decision to support this endeavor. During the event, Mayor Millet complimented the Arts Commission for their hard work, and also complimented the selected caterer who was well received by the opening night reception patrons. Chair Hubbell concluded the meeting's discussion about the Art Exhibition by stating that the works from the juror-selected Best in Show Artist will be hung on November 14th and will be on display through the end of the year.

Commissioners' Choice:

Ms. Peterson stated that the January exhibit is rapidly approaching and encouraged the Arts Commission to put a call for entry into place soon. A discussion took place and everyone agreed that artists are familiar with the CAFE process and that it is the preferred method of entry. Chair Hubbell asked if the Arts Commission is able to set the entry fee costs. Ms. Peterson stated that an entry fee of \$35 is currently in place, however for future shows this can be discussed and determined as long as it works with the budget.

Ms. Moch stated she has been approached by a couple of artists who have expressed interest in submitting their work for the Arts Commissioners' review; she shared some of the artists' portfolios with Chair Hubbell and Commissioner Heaton during the meeting. Chair Hubbell asked if Art Commission members are able to recommend artists for this event. Ms. Moch replied that Arts Commission members are certainly welcome to recommend artists to apply through CAFÉ for the full Arts Commission's review. Ms. Moch also reminded the Commissioners that whomever is to be selected will need enough original artwork to fill the Arts Center walls effectively, and each of the pieces would need to be available to purchase.

The Lone Tree Arts Center and the Arts Commission will host four art exhibits in the upcoming year: the Lone Tree Photo Exhibition, the Art Exhibition, and two Commissioners' Choice shows. Ms. Peterson suggested that the Arts Commissioners might consider bringing in a curator to put together a future Commissioners' Choice show; this curator might have a concentrated interest in whatever form of art is selected. The first Commissioners Choice exhibit will be

installed at the beginning of the year in 2017 following the close of the Art Exhibition's Best of Show exhibit. Chair Hubbell will email all commissioners to determine a re-scheduled meeting next month so that the Arts Commission is able to quickly move forward with selecting a Commissioners' Choice artist for the beginning of the year. Ms. Moch will let the Commissioners know once the CAFÉ call for entry is in-place.

Childrens' Programming:

Ms. Moch had good news to share, Acres Green Elementary is moving forward with Central City Opera to present their in-school performance of *The Great Opera Mix-up* on Monday, October 24th at 10:00 a.m. Eagle Ridge is also scheduled on November 10th for performances at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Chair Hubbell stated during the meeting that she is very excited to see the reaction of the students as often-time they have little exposure opera at the elementary school level. The Arts Commission will continue to work with Lone Tree Elementary to find a date and time to bring this program into their school for their students as well.

Holiday Card:

On Thursday, October 20th the Arts Commission will host a holiday card-making event at the Lone Tree Library from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Commissioner Heaton generously arranged for this event to be held in the Studio at the Lone Tree Library. The Arts Commission will work with LTAC's Marketing Director, Leigh Chandler, to put together marketing materials to promote the event, and to spread the word through social media and e-mail platforms.

The Arts Commissioners will select several finalists from these holiday card submissions over the coming weeks, and a final winner's artwork will be selected by City Council on November 1st to be featured as the city's selected holiday card for 2016. Chair Hubbell suggested her daughter participate as a monitor to lead the students through this art project. Lindsey Hubbell, Chair Hubbell's daughter, is an art student at D.U. and also teaches art to children - she is enthusiastic about participating in this event. A copious assortment of art supplies will be available for the children to use to design their cards, which Lindsey Hubbell will select with Kathy Denzer who will purchase them on behalf of LTAC and the Arts Commission.

Staff Reports:

During the upcoming year, two pieces will be selected by the Arts Commission for the Vistas at Park Meadows through the Douglas County Art Encounters program. An additional piece of public art may be selected through Art Encounters if the scale and design are determined to be appropriate for placement at the Lone Tree Arts Center. Alternately, Council has suggested that the Arts Commission implement a new call for entry through CAFÉ and, along with Lone Tree Arts Center staff, facilitate their own jurying process for a high quality piece to be placed on the Arts Center grounds.

Other Business:

Ms. Peterson reported about the recent 2017 Budget discussions with City Council, and shared with Commissioners that the role of the Commissioners is an advisory one. For instance, Commissioners recommend artists for Commissioners' Choice exhibits and Public Art placed by the Art Encounters program, as well as recommend whether or not to continue or discontinue

programs under the Arts and Culture umbrella – including in-school programming, the annual Art Exhibition, Photography Show, and Commissioners’ Choice exhibits. Once the recommendations are made, it’s the LTAC staff’s responsibility to determined associated costs for the budget proposal.

Ms. Peterson congratulated Commissioner Heaton on her new position with both the Art Encounters and the South Suburban Public Arts Committees. Everyone is pleased and knows that Commissioner Heaton will proudly represent both the COLT and the LTAC in these new responsibilities. Commissioner Heaton stated she feels quite honored to have been selected as a representative to each of these groups.

In 2017, three new people will have the opportunity to join the Arts Commission upon recommendation from Council.