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**KIRKWOOD ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
City of Kirkwood
139 S. Kirkwood Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
September 23, 2014, 5:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Members: Agnes Garino, Mary Hanson, Judy Roberts, Terry Sibbitts, Zoe Perkins, Jim Weidman, Susan Grigsby. Staff Liaison: Beth von Behren. Council Liaison: Art McDonnell. Guest: Denis Hart (Human Rights Commission)

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Arts and Culture Commission convened at 5:30 p.m., on September 23, 2014, in the main-level conference room at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road.

- I. **Minutes:** The minutes for the August 19 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.
- II. **Guest comments:** Mr. Hart is interested in the arts and in how the Kirkwood Arts Commission might work with the Human Rights Commission in the future.
- III. **Reports:**
 - a. Kirkwood Area Arts Council Bylaws Changes: KAAC President Pat Jones has spoken with Keith Kehrer (attorney, Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts), who has been working on their bylaws changes. They will proceed with the bylaws changes and will change the name of their organization to Kirkwood Arts Foundation.
 - b. Summer Concert Series: The line-up for the 2015 summer concert series has been finalized. The Mayor and Commissioner Judy Roberts will meet with Pat Jones on this subject.
 - c. Greentree Follow-Up: Comments and suggestions as follows:
 - i. The raffle should be called a drawing. There is no money involved. This suggestion came from someone who visited the Greentree booth.
 - ii. Have a "What can I volunteer for" sign-up book for volunteers.
 - iii. Run an ad in the Webster-Kirkwood Times looking for volunteers.
 - iv. Send an email blast to all who signed up (raffle drawing) asking for volunteers.
 - v. People enjoyed the booth and wanted to talk, but not all wanted to fill out a form.
 - vi. The handouts were great.
 - vii. The posters of the Train Station were a hit.
 - viii. Have something artistic for kids to do at the booth.
 - ix. Beth requested that the materials from the arts organizations go directly to the booth next year, rather than to City Hall.
 - x. Beth also requested that volunteer commitments to staff the Greentree booth next year be solid no later than mid-July.



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- xi. There was discussion on the topic of collecting money at the booth. The Commission felt they had not been informed that the money being collected was for the Kirkwood Area Arts Council.

d. Public Art Policy: Tabled.

- IV. **Planning:** Commissioner Susan Grigsby suggested a theme for future projects and programming: “Art and Nature.” She submitted a two-page handout to the Commission outlining her program idea, and discussion ensued. Commissioner Grigsby will draft a more concrete plan for the Commission’s next meeting. A sub-committee will be formed. One suggestion was to have a booth at the 2015 Kirkwood Earth Day, which is held in April at the Farmers’ Market, but the bigger project or program will happen in 2016. Possible partner groups: Kirkwood Green, Kirkwood Urban Forestry Commission, SBD (Downtown Special Business District). An art map of shops, galleries, art, and poetry during the Art & Nature event was suggested.
- V. **Other Business:** There are several hundred handouts left. They can be handed out and passed out to a variety of locations and events.
- VI. **Concert Series:** Commissioner Judy Roberts will coordinate this with the KAAC, but she will need help. Discussion ensued about the changes to the KAAC. When their bylaws are submitted to the State of Missouri, the Mayor will have the authority to appoint the three-member Board. He plans to appoint Kirkwood Arts Commission members Jim Weidman and Judy Roberts, plus one other member. The Commission will apply to the KAAC/KFA for funds. Commission members expressed concern that the funds raised by the KAAC/KFA will not be available to support the concert series in the future unless there is overlap between the KAAC/KFA board membership and the Kirkwood Arts Commission membership.
- VII. **Next Meeting:** October 21
- VIII. **Adjournment:** 7:00 p.m.