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**KIRKWOOD ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
City of Kirkwood
139 S. Kirkwood Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
October 21, 2014, 5:00 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: Pat Jones

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Arts Commission convened at 5:00 p.m., on October 21, 2014, in the main-level conference room at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road.

- I. **Minutes:** A motion was made by Jim Weidman to amend the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Judy Roberts. Passed. Then the amended minutes for the September 23 meeting were approved unanimously.
- II. **Budget:** Beth von Behren reported that all City Departments are still working on budgets, and that she was going to meet with the Chief Administrative Officer, the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, and the Parks & Recreation Director about funding the summer concert series. The discussion would involve placing the concert series and its budget under Parks & Recreation, rather than under Administration. Discussion ensued. It was suggested that without the summer concert series, the Arts Commission would find it difficult to pursue grants or other fundraising. Commissioners developed several questions to ask and comments to make at the meeting: 1) The concert series is the selling point for fundraising. 2) How does Murray (parks & recreation director) see this working if concerts go under recreation? (Ask about his staffing budget for Greentree.) 3) Funding, if granted, would be transitional until the Kirkwood Area Arts Council becomes the Commission's funding mechanism. 4) The Arts Commission will still need funding for other programming.
- III. **Art at the Station:** Art exhibits for the first half of 2015 will be juried on November 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in 20-minute appointments. These are local artists, not just Kirkwood artists. Linda Epp typically runs the jury process but would welcome help. Commission members should call or email her to volunteer a specific time. Guest speaker Pat Jones from KAAC provided additional information since Linda Epp was unable to attend the meeting:
 - a. There usually are about 12 pieces of art in any one exhibit.
 - b. The jurying is done at the Train Station so the artist can see the space.
 - c. It varies how many people apply.
 - d. The artist has to join KAAC. Their membership fee usually covers the KAAC costs for printing and refreshments, but not always.
 - e. The cost to run the program for the entire year is about \$1500.
 - f. The art has to be art that can be hung.
 - g. KAAC usually gets the jury listed on the Webster-Kirkwood Times' Calendar. In the future, we can promote this through the Regional Arts Council.

