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**KIRKWOOD ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
City of Kirkwood
139 S. Kirkwood Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
November 18, 2014, 5:00 p.m.**

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

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Arts Commission convened at 5:00 p.m., on November 18, 2014, in the main-level conference room at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road.

- I. **Minutes:** Motion made by Mr. Weidman to approve the October 21 minutes was seconded by Ms. Sibbitts and approved unanimously.
- II. **Agenda Amended:** Motion made by Ms. Hanson and seconded by Mr. Weidman to amend the agenda and add discussion of the Human Rights Commission (HRC) Art Fair, with statements by guest speakers Darnel Frost and Denis Hart, was approved unanimously.
- III. **HRC Art Fair:** Mr. Frost introduced the topic of the HRC Art Fair to be held in March 2015. Previously, the HRC has hosted a Symposium and an Essay Contest. They wish to broaden their horizons and would like to invite children of all ages to participate. HRC hopes the Arts Commission will consider participating in the Art Fair by serving as judges. Mr. Hart commented that the HRC wants to be more inclusive by allowing all ages to participate. There will be awards for different age groups. The HRC is meeting again on the October 20 to do more planning. They hope to hold the Fair in March 2015. Discussion ensued regarding where the Fair will be held, how it will be set up, what ages will be involved, and how large the Fair will be. The HRC is still working on a theme. The Community Center was originally considered for the location but it is unavailable on the proposed dates. Arts Commission members suggested:
 - a. Partnering with St. Louis Community College at Meramec
 - b. Considering having the Fair at one of the elementary schools or at the Magic House
 - c. Narrowing the age range for participants, especially if the Fair will be part of the curriculum. Otherwise, they could end up with thousands of participants.
 - d. Allowing an extra day for set up.
- IV. **Public Art:** Presentation by Ms. Garino. Other municipalities have public art programs, some of which can be seen on their Websites. For example, the Clayton Municipal Art Plan is posted on the city of Clayton's Website. Some cities have art that is loaned by artists because the artists want to sell it. It would be a difficult undertaking for the Arts Commission but it could be wonderful for Kirkwood. First step: Develop a plan. Other cities have good ones on which we could model ours. There is an Artists' Rights Law, according to Ms. Perkins, called the Visual Artists' Rights Act. We would need a contract. This is a legal issue. It was suggested that someone such as Peter Fisher from the Gateway Foundation could be an advisor on this. We need to identify people we want involved with this. They don't have to live in Kirkwood. **Action Item:** Ms. Garino will send links to Ms. von Behren for the public art programs on other city Websites.



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- V. **VLAA Form: Action item:** Ms. von Behren will send the form to Pat Jones and respond to Ken Konchel that Ms. Jones and Keith Kehrer are still working on this.
- VI. **Art at the Station:** All 10 slots for 2015 have been filled. Ms. Garino, who participated in the jury, and Linda Epps feel the program is full of “great art, there is a lot of variety, and the art will appeal to all ages. Only one of the artists has exhibited previously. The first exhibit will be in January. **Action item:** Ms. Sibbitts will design a postcard to promote the exhibit, using VistaPrint, but she needs the art work.
- VII. **New Meeting Time:** Ms. Sibbitts moved and Ms. Hanson seconded the motion to change the Commission’s official meeting time to 5:00 p.m. It passed unanimously.
- VIII. **Next Meeting:** December 16, 2014
- IX. **Adjournment:** 6:29 p.m.