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Kirkwood Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes
City of Kirkwood – 139 S. Kirkwood Road
August 18, 2015 || 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: Zoe Perkins, Mary Hanson, Jim Weidman, Judy Roberts, Jim Erwin. Missing: Agnes Garino. Staff Liaison: Beth von Behren. Council Liaison: Art McDonnell.

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Arts Commission convened at 5:00 p.m., on August 18, 2015, in the main-level conference room at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road.

- I. **Minutes:** Motion made by Judy Roberts and seconded by Jim Weidman to approve the July 21, 2015 minutes. Motion passed.
- II. **Writers in the Park.** Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. on August 29, and the event runs from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Community Center. Judy Roberts will get the banner to Jim Erwin for the KAC's table. Mary Hanson and Jim Erwin will both work the booth. There is nothing definitively planned yet for sponsoring poetry readings by the Writers' Guild. Jim Erwin said there are "Little Libraries" in Meacham Park, sponsored by the Kirkwood Library and Parents as Teachers.
- III. **Greentree Festival.** We will need two tables, two chairs, and a tent. Beth will set these up on Friday afternoon. Zoe will work to solicit volunteers to staff the booth and contact Megan Reike about the art project. We may do a children's art project, and we may have a musician sitting and playing guitar in the booth (Gary Hochberg). We could use large easel-sized tablets instead of plywood for children to draw on.
- IV. **Concert Series:** Judy Roberts presented a financial report on the 2015 concert series. She said her subcommittee is working on a Mission Statement and may conduct a survey, but just for their target group. They will meet again on September 3.
- V. **Art at the Station.** Bill Burckhalter, Train Station Manager, will place informational cards and donation envelopes at the Station. The Kirkwood Arts Foundation would like to build awareness of exhibitors to aid with fundraising. There is no construction timeline at this point for the Train Station. Beth will inquire of the renovation committee about jurying exhibits for next year. Bill Burckhalter thinks we should be cautious about planning too far ahead. The Mayor provided an update on the proposed Performing Arts Center and how it might be a potential showcase for future art exhibits. Jim Erwin said he would talk to Sarah Erwin at Kirkwood Public Library about possible partnering with them on future art exhibits.
- VI. **Arts Foundation Report.** The membership is growing. They will do about two mailings per year but are looking at how they might reach more donors. Discussion ensued how to develop a budget and who will do it.
- VII. **Public Art Subcommittee.** Agnes Garino was absent but had asked the Commission to discuss the Subcommittee's survey draft. The consensus of the Commission was that the survey is simply too long.
- VIII. **Next Meeting:** September 15, 2015. Beth reminded everyone that she will be out of town for the previous week and would need to post the agenda earlier than usual.
- IX. **Adjournment:** 6:45 p.m.