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**Kirkwood Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes
City of Kirkwood – 139 S. Kirkwood Road
November 17, 2015 || 5:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Agnes Garino, Mary Hanson, Frank Lewis, Judy Roberts, and Jim Weidman, Commissioners; Beth von Behren, Staff Liaison. **Missing:** Jim Erwin and Zoe Perkins, Commissioners, and Art McDonnell, Council Liaison.

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Arts Commission convened at 5:00 p.m., on November 17, 2015, in the main-level conference room at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road.

- I. **Minutes:** Motion made by Jim Weidman and seconded by Judy Roberts to approve the October 20, 2015 minutes. Motion passed.
- II. **New Member Introduction:** Newly appointed Commissioner Frank Lewis was introduced to the group and gave a short bio on himself. He has a background in theatre. He serves on the board of Kirkwood Theatre Guild. Frank has joined the Making Music subcommittee of the Commission.
- III. **Kirkwood Arts Foundation Report:** Jim Weidman gave a report on the highlights of the Foundation's last meeting. They need a Gift Acceptance Policy. Jim will work on this and will present it to the Foundation on December 8. KAF is making progress on their name change with the IRS. Judy Roberts will try to develop a draft budget for Fiscal Year January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016. by the Commission's next meeting. KAF requested \$3500 from the Gaylord Foundation. They have a balance, as of this meeting, of \$7,754.
- IV. **Art at the Station:** Judy Roberts needs financial information from Linda Epp (expenses, sales, donations).
- V. **Public Art Subcommittee.** There was no PASC meeting in November due to email issues. They would like 100 responses to the PASC survey. They have 42 so far. They hope to have a first draft of the Public Art policy in January but need to meet with Zoe Perkins to discuss the policy. Next meeting is scheduled for early December.
- VI. **Making Music Summer Concert Series:** The summer 2016 schedule is completed, and the total cost for all six concerts will be \$7850. The subcommittee hopes to have sponsors. They also booked A Little Lunch Music with St. Louis Opera Theatre for June 13, at First Presbyterian Church, at a cost of \$500 (the concert is free). They are working on getting food trucks to the concerts. They have 43 survey responses and several comments were on food trucks. They will meet again on November 30 and should have it wrapped up by then. They will include the 2016 schedule with the December Appeal Letter.
- VII. **Feasibility Study for Performing Arts Center:** The Commissioners who attended the meeting with the group conducting the study reported back to the full Commission. The study is just now getting underway. They asked a lot of questions. Main concern was: Is this the right direction for Kirkwood? Parking was discussed. Fundraising was discussed. Selling a new Center to the public was discussed.
- VIII. **Utility Insert:** Beth will check the utility insert schedule for 2016 and have some dates available for the Commission to consider at the next meeting. May would be a good month. We would like to have both sides if possible.



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- IX. Art in the Park:** Does anyone want to take this on? (Nobody volunteered.) Ideas include food, bands, sell art, have artists at work, hold it during Greentree. Beth will contact Murray Pounds about the Greentree idea.
- X. Cars and Guitars:** In 2017, the City has tentatively decided to host a “Cars and Guitars” event as part of an annual spring or summer festival in downtown Kirkwood. A date has not been chosen yet, but the planning committee thought there might be an art component and that the Arts Commission might want to be involved. More details to come.
- XI. Other Business:** Jim Erwin is working with Kirkwood Public Library and Parents as Teachers to stock the Little Library in Meacham Park. They may hire a retired Head Start teacher to work with kids on reading.
- XII. Adjournment:** 6:30 p.m. Next meeting: December 15, 2015.