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Kirkwood Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes
City of Kirkwood – 139 S. Kirkwood Road
December 15, 2015 || 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Agnes Garino, Judy Roberts, Zoe Perkins, Frank Lewis, Mary Hanson, Jim Erwin. Beth von Behren, Staff Liaison. Art McDonnell, Council Liaison. Guest: Murray Pounds, Parks and Recreation Director. Missing: Jim Weidman.

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Arts Commission convened at 5:00 p.m., on December 15, 2015, in the main-level conference room at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road.

- I. **Minutes:** Motion made by Frank Lewis and seconded by Mary Hanson to approve the November 17, 2015 minutes. Motion passed.
- II. **Art in the Park:** Murray Pounds was present to answer questions about a possible “Art in the Park” art fair. He said he had questions about the scope of the project and that incorporating such an event with Greentree might not be feasible. Logistically it would be different. The Greentree committee is already pushed to the limit in terms of oversight and space. He wasn’t sure how conducive the area round the lake (in Kirkwood Park) would be since it slopes and is really “off the beaten path” from the rest of the Festival. They have had a hard time getting people to the Wine Garden because of the same issues. The area along Rifle Range Road is an option for an art fair during Greentree, but it is further away from the main Festival as well. He suggested looking at another date, possibly when Stages has a performance, although parking could be an issue. He said parking drives everything they do. Matching an art fair with a concert date was discussed. What about May 27? Nobody was exactly certain of Stages’ schedule. Kirkwood park is the best place for an art fair, but Walker Park might work as well. You could get 15 to 20 booths in there. However, there are no bathrooms. Other options: 1) Station Plaza or during Mayfest; 2) Close off Argonne; 3) Use the Greenway.
 - a. Update on Performing Arts Center: They are still working on the feasibility study. (Update: Murray will present to Council on this top on Thursday, January 14, at 7:00 a.m.) The study will look at the conceptual plans and the cost and include a market study and revenue potential. We expect a report in mid-January. It’s being done by Duncan Webb.
 - b. Other questions for Murray: Murray also answered questions about the summer concert series. He said we should talk to Madison, on his staff, about getting food trucks to the concerts. He said they are looking for volume. So it can be hard to get them there.
 - c. Party in the Park: He did mention the possibility of holding the Art Fair on the day of the Party in the Park, which happens the Saturday prior to Greentree. Party in the Park runs from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Lions’ Pavilion. An art fair could run from 1:00 to 5:00 or from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- III. **Kirkwood Arts Foundation Report:** Judy said they did a mailing and email to 308 people. The PayPal button is now working. Judy passed out a statement of quarterly financial activity. The KAF is still working on a budget for the coming year. They are waiting to hear from the Gaylord Foundation.
- IV. **Art at the Station:** Judy reached Linda Epp. There were no sales in October. For November, there were \$425 in sales. KAF received \$170 from Linda. KAF is working on a Gift Policy. The AP Student exhibit is being planned with Nancy Grimes. Beth will confirm with Bill Burckhalter that the exhibit



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will be up in April and that the opening reception will be held Thursday, April 7. Installation would be March 30/31 , 2016.

- V. **Public Art Subcommittee:** Agnes Garino has been having email problems, so some subcommittee members have not received notices or reminders about meetings. This has put them a little behind on both the survey results and the public art policy. Their next meeting will be January 12, and the plan to have first draft revisions on the Policy completed at that meeting. They hope to have something for the Commission at its January 19 meeting.
- VI. **Making Music Summer Concert Series:** The subcommittee would like to have a flagship \$10,000 sponsor for the entire series. They are also considering a Website or possibly just a Facebook page.
- VII. **Other business:** One side of the City's April 2016 utility insert has been reserved for the summer concert series. One side of the City's May Utility insert has been reserved for a Commission newsletter.
- VIII. **Adjournment:** 6:30 p.m. Next meeting: January 19, 2016