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**KIRKWOOD ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
City of Kirkwood
139 S. Kirkwood Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
December 16, 2014, 5:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Members: Agnes Garino, Mary Hanson, Judy Roberts, Terry Sibbitts, Zoe Perkins. Missing: Jim Weidman. 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 November 18, 2014, in the main-level conference room at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road.

- I. **Minutes:** Motion made by Ms. Sibbitts and seconded by Ms. Roberts to approve the minutes. Motion by Ms. Sibbitts and seconded by Ms. Roberts to amend the minutes, with corrections. Both motions passed.
- II. **Public Art:** Discussion ensued. We need to identify sub-committee members. The Mayor of Ferguson worked with Washington University to get sculptures for two years. University City also works with Washington University. Two master-level graduate students are selected each year to work on public art in University City. Ms. Garino provided background on the University City program. It's a 20-year program. Students submit models and a budget for materials. Maryland Heights puts art in their city buildings. The question was raised again: How do we go about forming a sub-committee? It was suggested that we have a guest speaker in to talk about how to start this process. One commissioner needs to take ownership. Ms. Garino agreed to spearhead the public art project. Ms. Sibbitts said the commission will support her and help her find people for the subcommittee. Timeline: We need to hear from other groups in early 2015. Action item: Ms. Perkins will get the name of the person at Laumeier Sculpture Park who has done a public art program before. Action items: Commissioners may have contacts who can serve on a subcommittee or act in some capacity.
- III. **Susan Grigsby's Resignation:** Discussion about replacing Susan ensued. Two names were suggested: Julie at the Kirkwood Public Library and Robin at STL Books. Action Item: Send email to the individuals on the "Bucket List" looking for volunteers. Send a link to the application on the City Website. Ask for commission volunteer interest but also ask for volunteers to serve in a more general capacity and to help out now and then. Ask also if they know of others.
- IV. **Bucket List (Email list generated from the Greentree Festival booth):** Use the list to promote a discussion of art projects, to solicit volunteers, and for information. Ms. Sibbitts will work on trying to use her organization's mass email subscription service for this. Cost is based on number of subscribers, and the Commission's list would only add about 200 names.
- V. **Foundation Membership:** The KAF / KAAC members will elect their successors, rather than having new members appointed by the Mayor of Kirkwood. That is typically how these small foundations work.
- VI. **Art and Science Project:** Discussion ensued about whether the Commission should have a booth or host a poetry reading at the Kirkwood Earth Day festival in April. We could also do the Festival of Food and Flower in May. We may not have the time by April to pull this together. The Earth Day



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organization does not yet have a date. The Commission decided to delay a decision on this until a new Commissioner is selected.

- VII. HRC Update:** The Human Rights Commission has not yet selected a date, but Ms. von Behren will attempt to get more information from them about their art fair before the next Arts Commission meeting.
- VIII. Next Meeting:** January 20, 2015
- IX. Adjournment:** 6:18 p.m.