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Kirkwood Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes
City of Kirkwood – 139 S. Kirkwood Road
March 22, 2016 || 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commission Members Agnes Garino (Chair), Jim Erwin, Frank Lewis, Zoe Perkins, Judy Roberts, Jim Weidman. **Absent:** Mary Hanson. Beth von Behren, Staff Liaison. Mayor Art McDonnell, Council Liaison. **Guests:** Paige Buffington, Darlene McGhee.

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Arts Commission convened at 5:00 p.m., on March 22, 2016, in the main-level conference room at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road.

- I. **Minutes:** Motion made by Frank Lewis and seconded by Jim Weidman to approve the February 16, 2016, minutes, with changes. Motion passed.
- II. **Washington University Response:** Mayor McDonnell reported that he has spoken to Bryce Robinson at Washington University about a possible art loan program with Kirkwood, similar to the one between Washington University and the City of Ferguson. However, Mr. Robinson would likely want to charge us a fee for coordinating such an effort. The Commission agreed to invite him to a future meeting to discuss.
- III. **Cars and Guitars:** The most recent meeting was discussed. The next meeting will be on April 15 at the Chamber offices.
- IV. **Mayfest:** Beth will look for the Arts Commission banner for our table and confirm the tent with Donna Poe. Frank will bring a table. Everyone will bring their own chairs. Give-aways could be a City mug with candy. Frank suggested doing photos in front of a cut-out. He has one from the Kirkwood Theatre Guild's production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie." Frank will take a photo and email it to the Commission. We will finalize the schedule and other details at the next Commission meeting.
- V. **Art at the Station:** There will be a reception on April 7 for the student exhibit at the station that runs in April. Frank has been working with STLCC-Meramec and Darlene McGee on a plan to exhibit future Art at the Station displays in their library. Frank met with Patrick Mallory, the library's director, and the tentative plan is to start the new exhibit series in September 2016. There is a police station in the library. It is possible to tag the art work so it cannot be stolen. STLCC is willing to pay the hanging costs, and their building and grounds staff can do the actual hanging. There is seating available. They cannot have alcohol at the receptions. We could only serve cookies and punch. Using an outside catering firm would not be allowed as they have their own. There are tables in the classroom. Notice of the exhibits will go into their newsletter. The artists would sign a contract and an artist release, but there would be more security. A suggested new title would be: Art at the Education Station. The Commission would need to hold a jury fairly soon for the exhibit year, which would run September through July, possibly with no exhibits in December, May, or August.
- VI. **Kirkwood Arts Foundation Report (KAF):** Jim Weidman gave a KAF report. They last met on March 9. KAF and the Public Art Subcommittee (PASC) will work together on the Gift Acceptance Policy. St. Anthony's in Kirkwood may sponsor two concerts, at a total cost of \$3350. The KAF cannot write the Regional Arts Commission grant for next June. They can't justify it because we don't have the programming yet. We could apply for a Missouri Arts Commission grant for \$1500. They award these monthly. Judy Roberts reported that the KAF has a balance of \$14,676.98. Kirkwood Station may do a beer tent at all summer concerts.



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- VII. **Public Art Subcommittee (Agnes Garino):** Zoe and Megan are working on revisions to the Public Art Policy. They hope to have it for the Commission at their April 19 meeting.
- VIII. **Brochure Committee:** We have a draft and some text. We need photos. We meet again on March 31.
- IX. **Other Items:** The Symphony Community Concerts are held in the spring, in march and April. That probably will not work with a church's schedule, due to Lent and Easter.
- X. **Performing Arts Theatre Update:** The Operations Plan will be recommended, included a budget. Stages and Kirkwood Theatre Guild may have to re-evaluate their budgets or charge a \$5 surcharge.
- XI. **Adjournment:** 6:50 p.m. Next meeting: April 19, 2016