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**Kirkwood Arts Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**City of Kirkwood – 139 S. Kirkwood Road**  
**June 21, 2016 || 5:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Commission Members Agnes Garino (Chair), Jim Erwin, Mary Hanson, Frank Lewis, Zoe Perkins, Jim Weidman. **Absent:** Judy Roberts. Beth von Behren, Staff Liaison. Nancy Luetzow, Council Liaison.

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given, the Kirkwood Arts Commission convened at 5:00 p.m., on June 21, 2016, in the main-level conference room at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road.

- I. **Minutes:** A motion was made by Frank Lewis and seconded by Zoe Perkins to approve the May 17 meeting minutes. Motion passed.
- II. **Art at the Station:** Frank Lewis reported on the progress of the exhibits for the 2016-2017 year at STLCC-Meramec. As of the date of this meeting, there were seven artists who had applied. We need to promote this a little more. A press release to the Webster-Kirkwood Times will be developed and sent. We need to decide how many pieces per artist. This will be determined by how many hangers there are and how big the art is. The artist jury will take place July 11. The deadline to apply is July 10. Some artists bring a lot of work to the jury. We will consider doing an online jury in the future. We can see their work online. However, artists may still need to see the space. Discussion ensued on requiring artists to join the Foundation. The consensus was to continue that practice. Discussion ensued on the 40 percent sales commission. No consensus was reached. A vote will need to be taken at the July meeting. Frank explained the Chesterfield “Live Art” program, where artists create work on site, and if it is finished and sold, the City gets a percentage of the sales price. Zoe will ask her artist friends about the 40 percent commission rate.
- III. **Greentree Planning:** Our booth is booked. Zoe will take the lead on organizing and setting it up. The dates are September 17 and 18 (Saturday and Sunday only). No booths are open Friday night. However, booth set-up is on Friday afternoon. We will give away candy and are looking at other give-aways. The City is almost out of the rulers but these will not be re-produced until after the November elections. We will again have materials from any arts groups that help to staff the booth. We could have a “wish wall” – what would you like to see in terms of art. Beth will confirm with Murray that we would like to have booth #50 (the same location we had in 2014).
- IV. **Brochure:** We need to get moving on this so it’s ready by Greentree. Beth will work on copy and send to the committee, and they will meet with Mike Swoboda at Meramec. Agnes has photos and will send those. We could do a bookmark for Greentree – with the Art at the Station schedule, instead of a postcard.
- V. **Public Art Policy:** Jim Weidman suggested a better definition for the Arts Foundation, which Beth will incorporate into the Policy before sending to John Hessel, city attorney, for review. Members had a few other corrections as well. Agnes pointed out that the Commission needs to develop an application for Public Art Subcommittee members.
- VI. **Public Art Support Group:** Agnes attended this meeting with Frank in June. Most of the other attendees were paid staff. Agnes distributed the meeting agenda. One concept the group discussed was selling elected officials on the idea that public art is important. Public art can be an exciting thing for a community. How do you get the City to buy in and fund public art? In Chesterfield, they have added “arts” to their parks and recreation department, now called Parks, Recreation, and Arts. The group will meet quarterly.



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- VII. **Making Music Concert Series:** Report given by Frank Lewis. There were about 300 in attendance at the first concert. We received \$373 in donations. Sara's Cake Stop food truck will not be back. Amigo's food truck had a line. We don't know if Kirkwood Station Brewing will be back (with a booth).
- VIII. **A Little Lunch Music:** There was a good crowd. The church was full. The concert was excellent. Agnes took photos.
- IX. **Cars and Guitars:** The next meeting is this Friday (June 24).
- X. **Arts Foundation:** Jim Weidman gave a report. They met June 7 and worked on the annual appeal. They sent 300 letters. As of June 14, they have received \$300 in donations. Last year, a total of between \$3000 and \$4000 was raised. The Foundation's balance as of June 18 was \$14,610.
- XI. **Meetings:** Art at the Station, July 11 (Jury). No Foundation meeting in July. No PASC or MMSC meetings in July.
- XII. **Next Commission Meeting:** July 19, 2016, 5:00 p.m.
- XIII. **Other Business:** Agnes would like to get tee-shirts made for the Commission to wear at Greentree. Beth will get a bid on these. Collared or Polo shirts are preferred.
- XIV. **Adjournment:** 6:26 p.m.