

MINUTES
APPI
August 9, 2021
Conducted via Zoom

To reduce the likelihood of the spread of COVID-19 and to comply with social distancing recommendations, this meeting of the Leawood Arts Council was conducted remotely using the Zoom media format. The meeting was livestreamed on [YouTube] and the public could access the livestream by going to www.leawood.org/.

Present: Anne Blessing, Julia Steinberg, Carl McCaffree, Dan Throckmorton and Kim Hinkle; City Council liaison Julie Cain and staff liaisons Holly York and Chris Claxton

Anne Blessing called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and Holly York read the Covid-19 disclaimer.

APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

Julia Steinberg moved that the minutes of the May 4, 2021, meeting be approved.

Carl McCaffree seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

APPI REPORT

APPI convened as a selection panel to discuss the site location of Bridget and Christopher Lee's donated sculpture *Praise*, which the City accepted. APPI and the City Council wanted to wait until the Public Art Master Plan was approved before determining a site for *Praise*. City Council approved the Public Art Masterplan in July.

Holly York and Chris Claxton suggested Fire Station #3 for the sculpture. Fire Chief Fitzgerald is agreeable to locating the sculpture there. The sculpture is 17 ½ feet tall, nearly an intermediate size.

Julie Cain agreed that the lawn of Fire Station #3 is an ideal placement for the sculpture.

Dan Throckmorton also agreed with the site location.

Chris Claxton stated that if the committee was in favor of the site, the exact location would be worked through during the process of the site survey.

Kim Hinkle moved to recommend that *Praise* by Bruce Neimi be located on the front lawn of Fire Station #3, per the Public Art Masterplan, with the exact location determined by the site survey.

Julia Steinburg seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

CULTURAL ARTS REPORT

Holly York reported the following:

- **Dedication of Rita Blitt's *Inspiration***– Rita will not be able to attend in-person due to concerns about Covid-19. She will participate via Zoom. The dedication will take place in the Council Chambers and livestreamed on the City's YouTube channel, at 11:30 A.M. on Friday, September 10th.
- **Public Art Brochure Photography** – Holly will meet with photographer later this month.

- **Everyday Strangers** – Concert on Friday, August 13th from 6:30-7:30 P.M at City Hall Amphitheater.
- **Leawood Aquatic Center Pool House** – Will be demolished next week. Holly and Chris visited artist Dierk Van Keppel and confirmed the colored glass for him to order.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

Submitted by: Holly York, Cultural Arts Supervisor