



**Arts Commission
 Committee Meeting Minutes
 November 29, 2017
 6:30 PM
 Administrative Conference Room**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Dan Tierney	
Kenneth Balk	
Gina Casalone	
George Dirkers	
Judy Pass	
Jahn Epstein	
Lynn Hamilton	
Barbara Gervais	
Scott Saunders	Councilman
Bess McCoy	PIO

A regular meeting of the Creve Coeur Arts Committee was called to order by committee chair Jahn Epstein at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29 at the Creve Coeur Government Center, 300 N. New Ballas Road.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of September 27, 2017

Committee member Judy moved, seconded by committee member Ken, to approve the meeting minutes dated September 27, 2017. The vote on the motion is 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Judy Pass
SECONDER:	Kenneth Balk
AYES:	Tierney, Balk, Dirkers, Pass, Epstein, Hamilton, Gervais
AWAY:	Casalone

B. Discussion Notes October 25, 2017

The committee reviewed the October discussion notes and had no comments.

RESULT:	ITEM DISCUSSED
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4. Committee Business

A. Convex Country

Committee member George mentioned that his sister met with the director of MoDOT recently. He asked her to ask him about art projects on MoDOT property such as Convex Country. He said that as long as MoDOT's engineers approve of the project and it doesn't cost MoDOT money, there should be no problem.



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The committee discussed contacting Public Works Director Jim Heines and updating him about this development. George will then talk with Jim and try to put the two MoDOT employees in contact to see if we can better resolve this issue.

RESULT: ITEM DISCUSSED

B. Sculpture on the Move

Committee vice chair Dan Tierney updated the committee on the Sculpture on the Move Program. Several communities have committed to join the project including Creve Coeur. The deadline to join is November 30. The Creative Communities Alliance is considering keeping the first round at one sculpture per community. On December 6, the Creative Communities Alliance is having a workshop for the artists who are interested in the program. In January, they will have a workshop for the committees so that the expectations are all communicated and clarified.

RESULT: ITEM DISCUSSED

C. New Police Station

Committee member George updated the committee on the status of the new police station. The plans have been finalized. George is not sure if the pad is in there, but council liaison Scott confirmed that all of the plans so far have a spot for public art. Staff liaison Bess will reach out to Public Works Director Jim Heines to make sure the pad and lighting are in the budget and make sure that is included in the bid.

RESULT: ITEM DISCUSSED

D. Celebration of Community Sculpture

Committee member Barb updated the committee about the Celebration of Community sculpture. She and Lynn looked at the sculpture, and saw areas for improvement. Thoughts included regrouping or reconfiguring it in the present location, moving it closer to the road where it could be seen, placing it between the Police Station and the community building as a link to the two buildings. They think that the pedestals should be removed so that the columns look like they are coming out of the ground. They also suggested landscaping around the base of the sculptures. This would require money and help from Creve Coeur engineers. Since the city owns it, it is ours to do with as we want. It would be respectful to notify the artist and tell her the intention is to make her work more visible and more intentional.

Committee member Judy mentioned she preferred moving it closer to Ballas Road for increased visibility. Committee member George mentioned that when the new police station is built, the sidewalk will be continuous between the two buildings. This will leave some empty green space that these could possibly be moved to. George said it might be smartest to wait to see how the landscaping changes with the new Police Station.

Committee vice chair Dan suggested that we could offer up this art to have it repurposed with this building. The committee's concern is that the intent is for it to be visible and not hidden as it is by trees right now. Dan also suggested adding the two pieces that the committee has in its inventory to see if they have ideas to repurpose them at the Government Center as well.



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E. New Projects

Committee member Ken suggested the committee focus on a master plan for arts for the whole city. He will work with staff liaison Bess to review the master plan and map of possible projects.

RESULT:	ITEM DISCUSSED
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F. Other

DONATED ARTWORK IN MEMORY OF FORMER RESIDENT

One member of the committee mentioned that several people at the table know the Gelber family and asked that committee member names be left off of the minutes at this time.

One member suggested that the committee discuss the concept of people donating a piece in memory of someone more generally. Another member said that they are on a board where a family wants to do something similar. They also mentioned that the master plan lays out the policy on the acquisition of gifts and the committee must follow this policy.

Another member said that memorials to individuals become controversial because a person's past may be controversial. Another committee member had an issue with the location because it conflicts with the committee's current plans for artwork at the Government Center. The committee could ask if the family would be ok with it in another location.

The committee wanted to make it clear to the family that there is a long process involved in something like this. They would like to have more of a negotiation process with the family about location, design, and the wording of the memorial plaque.

Committee chair and vice chair Jahn and Dan plan to review the Public Art Master Plan and meet with the family to discuss further.

SILVER SCREEN SERIES

Committee members Judy and Lynn presented a couple items regarding the Silver Screen Series. They suggested changing the dates to the third Monday in September, October and November rather than consecutive Mondays in the same month. They think this might make it easier for people to come to multiple screenings. They have already run this by the manager of the AMC who was in favor.

Committee vice chair Dan suggested moving the time later to 1:00 p.m., but Lynn was concerned that would interfere with the senior residents' dinner time. Judy also wanted to keep something constant if they are going to change the dates. The dates will be September 17, October 15 and November 19

Judy also asked the committee whether or not they should continue printing the small poster in addition to the flyers and the large posters. George said he scanned it and shared it electronically. Committee chair Jahn said that she had difficulty getting approval to hang the posters. Overall, the committee said that the size was impractical for the new three-month format.

DONATION LETTER

Committee chair Jahn said she got a letter from Kirkwood asking for donations. She suggested that the committee do something similar.

SCHOOL ART LIAISON PROJECT

Committee member Lynn asked if there is a way to find out what projects are on the back burner. She also saw in the Master Plan that there is a plan for a liaison to the schools. She asked if there had been any work in



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this direction and if this is something that the committee would like to pursue in a more structured way. Barb and Jahn mentioned interest in that job.

CELEBRATING ART FOR SENIOR ENGAGEMENT

Committee member Judy reminded the committee about Celebrating Art for Senior Engagement and suggested that the committee begin discussions about possible projects if they choose to participate again in 2018.

RESULT:	ITEM DISCUSSED
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5. Business from Staff Liaison

Staff liaison Bess reminded the committee that their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m.

She also reminded the committee that the Mayor's holiday dinner is on Tuesday, December 5.

6. Adjourn

Committee chair Jahn adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.