

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC) MINUTES

August 21, 2025
6:00 PM City Hall

X	Marek Gliniecki, Co-Chair
X	Mary Schulteis, Co-Chair
X	Lynda Leonard, Gallery Director
X	Matt Lero, Council Representative
X	Jonna Crosby
X	Shannon Cole
X	Tim Ross
X	Todd Zimmer – New Committee Member!
A	Kelley Nielsen, Staff Liaison
A	Jan Faidley, Alternate Council Rep.

A. Call Meeting to Order

B. Modifications to the Agenda – Item E.4

C. Meeting minutes from Last Meeting – Minutes for monthly AAC meeting on July 2, 2025 were approved.

D. Unfinished Business

1. 75th Anniversary – Decide on projects for 2026 – AAC discussed these projects
 1. Holiday Lights in Nov / Dec 2026. **(Also started discussion on holiday lights for 2025 and will decide on those details at AAC's October meeting.)**
 2. Art for the City Hall Lobby. Install before the anniversary in August.
 3. Art in the Park – Summer. This will likely be done in R Park. **Could be a story walk.**
 4. Gallery exhibition dedicated to the anniversary. This will include historic photography of RP.
 5. **Performance Art**
 6. **Outdoor Sculpture Contest**
2. Citywide Art Contest – Results from over 100 public votes are:
 - 1st place \$200 - Charlie and Andie Van Towle
 2. \$150 Kara Steen
 3. \$125 Brittnee Wood
 4. \$ 100 Mark Mohr

Smaller gift certificates will also be distributed to four honorable-mention contestants.
3. Artist in Residency Project – AAC decided to move this project to 2026.

E. New Business

1. City Businesses Christmas Window Decorating Contest – This is something that works better in cities with a downtown business district. AAC decided not to pursue.
2. Strategic Planning Roundtable at October AAC meeting – Ruanda Mc Ferren with Porchlight will attend the meeting as part of the current RP strategic planning process.
3. Kathleen Whitworth Memorial Tree Proposal – Mary will coordinate with Parks and Public Works on obtaining and deciding on a memorial tree for this deceased RP resident who did many good things our city. May be able to get a tree through the ‘Contain the Rain’ program. May also want to look at other memorial tree installations in Sweeney Park and Nall Park to see how they are done. Do we want to consider a memorial forest in our planning?
4. “See Red Run” Cleaning – Paul Benson will start mentoring a person who does art cleaning for City of Leawood so they can take over periodic cleaning of our more valuable sculptures.

F. Gallery Update – The next Exhibit will be installed August 30 and artists are Bernie Lee, Laurie Jerome and Dot Gerst. There will be a reception **for them on** Sept 4.

G. Adjourn

Attachment - None