



MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LYONS
Tuesday, September 10 – 5 pm Meeting
Lyons Arts and Humanities Commission
Lyons Town Library

Members: Melinda Wunder, Bonnie Auslander, Chrystal DeCoster, Jacob Leeuwenburgh, Sonny Smith, Lauren Click

Liaisons: Jocelyn Farrell, Arielle Hodgson, Kim Mitchell

ATTENDANCE: Melinda, Jacob, Sonny, Lauren, Jocelyn, Arielle

Absent: Bonnie, Chrystal

Guests: Brian, Tamara Vega Haddad, Birdie Smock

NOTES

1. Review of August Meeting Minutes
 - A. Lauren moves, Jacob seconds, Unanimous
2. LCF Grant / SCFD Update – Arielle
 - A. Applying for one, hearts of Lyons honorariums and, two, Creative Outlets and beautification of the 5th avenue bridge. Each application will be for \$5K.
 - B. This is following the LCF feedback that they're interested in bigger, more public projects.
 - C. Briana is a professional technical writer and wants to get more into grant writing, and has helped draft the applications.
 - D. Arielle will apply for another grant due in October - \$25,000 for a rural project from the Musser Fund. The grant will be to beautify the barriers from the wastewater treatment plant. Guarding off the treatment plant. It is more on behalf of the town, but also has an arts component. The town will seek LAHC advice if they receive funds for a project.
3. Birdie Smock came by to speak to propose sculptures. She has pieces that would fit in spots that are by walls (so not pieces that could be hit by opening car doors). They are made of concrete and bound steel. Also, she has proposed to paint the 5th avenue bridge. Rainbow or abstract. She wants to include community members to help paint. Tomorrow the LCF application goes in for the bridge so we will know more if we receive funds. Melinda will send her the application for the heARTS of Lyons Sculpture program.
4. Arts at River Bend Wrap-up Numbers – Arielle / Melinda

Biggest year so far. We are taking home \$4,069 net from the parking, tips, potter, splitting funds from artists. For next year – blind auction, economical art, place to meet guests, better branding. This year seemed exciting, from around the area.

5. Creative Outlets Update - Lauren

Deadline 9/16 with decision of the applications on 9/19. Please send out to anyone who may be interested. Lauren will promote on social media. If we don't get enough responses we will have to extend but hope for a few good ones for this pilot round.

5. Town Hall Art Shows – Lauren



- A. Move venue to Lyons Library – Lauren and Arielle are planning to meet with Kara, the Director of the Library. Questions from the LAHC:
 - a. Get rough schedule of dates.
 - b. Sculpture in room?
 - c. Where to put the artwork?
 - d. Panels on wheels?
 - e. Dedicate walls to us?
 - f. Invite Jacob.
 - B. Schedule for 2020 – Individual artists in town hall or in the library? Depends where we can install in the library.
 - C. Future – panels on wheels to move around and store for events?
6. Art Pharm Discussion – Sonny / Jocelyn / Tamara
- A. Art Pharm is opening soon! There will be several artists in one location to have open studios, gallery space. Sonny is looking into grants, low-interest loans. Hoping the LAHC can help.
 - B. Tamara – from Economic Vitality Commission (EVC). Leveraging the arts to be a larger economic driver. Asks: 1. LAHC be the acting board, the acting nonprofit for the Art Pharm. 2. LAHC as Fiscal Sponsor. Could collaborate with Main Street, Economic Vitality (?). \$300 per studio artist, per month.
 - C. Arielle followed up with legal before this meeting – the LAHC can't be a fiscal agent as they are a town entity. The liability falls on the town. Lack of capacity to host fiscal responsibility.
 - D. Lauren – BCAA does fiscal sponsorship.
 - E. Tamara – Art Pharm is looking at the revolving loan fund. Moving to another fiscal credit.
 - F. Jacob – LAHC can't decide or judge on being an entity. But we can offer support. And, once it is established we can tie it into our work – the sculpture, the town hall art shows.
 - G. Sonny has a partner has an operations founder – silent partner.
 - H. <https://www.artpharm.org>. We will keep it under wraps until they want to publish.
7. Farmette Dinner Update – Arielle
- Next Wednesday. Sold out. Jocelyn plans to be called in for bartending, Sonny as emergency. Some of the proceeds go to LAHC. Melinda is working to get the land next door cleaned. Melinda will bring art, Arielle will bring collateral. Stuff sells in the \$50 to \$100 range.
8. heARTS of LYONS Update – Melinda
- A. Call to Artists – almost done. Inserting LCF logo.
 - B. Melinda got a stone for free for the chainsaw piece. Plaque made with the story.
 - C. Melinda will follow up with Birdie about the sculpture.
 - D. Jacob's heart piece can be removed – it is by the labyrinth. Full moon gathering there Friday.
9. Main Street Tree Update – Sonny
- A. Paint is there! All is ready. Needs just one day to debark and then one day to do it. Sonny and Jacob will paint the tree. Needs help pulling off the bark. Lyons volunteers has a scaffold.
 - B. Crosswalk – we have the paint for the third crosswalk. On the south crosswalk, Sonny and Cormac his mentee want to do spheres/planets. Also, he wants to put down more painting on the other crosswalks.



10. Painting of 5th Ave Bridge – Arielle and Jocelyn

Need help and funding from town for sandblasting the bridge. Problem of metal / lead going into the river. Other alternatives with socks (Jacob's idea) or yarn bombing.

10. Bell of Renewal – Arielle

- A. Donations Update - Arielle
- B. Melinda working on bronze plaque
- C. Can we move the butterfly to the new botanical garden? Then put the Bell in the location where the butterfly is now? Jocelyn will ask about moving it.

11. Clarifier Signage Discussion – Arielle / Melinda

12. What do we want for budget for BOT?

- A. BOT asking for Big tree carving in Meadow Park. Earmark \$10K. Parks may be able to pay for the rest if we don't have enough. Arielle will ask about it.
- B. 5th Avenue Bridge beautification
- C. Creative Outlets
- D. Clarifier signage. Arielle proposes doing a partial funding, matching funding. If we do dedicate funding then we could do the small rock and we ask the Town to make it a legacy project.

13. CEMEX – donated huge art piece they want to donate. Also, a train car. They want to donate. Arielle will follow up.

Future Projects:

- 1. We need to draft a “power policy” for artworks which require power
- 2. Language on table-top signage about LAHC donations
- 3. Art Target List Merger with Western Stars Database discussion – Chrystal
- 4. Sheldon Roberts – Possible artist to consider for Ute Trail Marker? Other Ute local artists?
Sheldonart.com
- 5. Art Map via App + postcard vs printed version
Free map app link provided by Kim: <https://www.theclio.com/web/howtcreateTour>

Next meeting: **TBD / Lyons Library**

Adjourn

Meeting End: 07:00 PM