**The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Zoe Perkins, Chairperson. In attendance: Zoe Perkins, Stefanie Kirkland, Ellen Edman, Erika Whittaker, Glenda Hares, James Erwin, Art McDonnell (Kirkwood Arts Foundation), Maggie Duwe (Council Liaison), and Kyle Henke (Staff Liaison). Absent Excused: April Morris, Deanna Stevenson, Andrew Smith..**

**I. CITIZEN COMMENTS**. Agnes Garino provided information about the Public Art Advisory Board of Clayton, North Carolina.

**II. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022 MEETING MINUTES.** Stefanie Kirklandmoved to approve the February 15, 2022 minutes, seconded by Glenda Hares. The minutes were approved.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

 **A. Kirkwood Arts Foundation.** Art McDonnell said there was nothing to report since the last meeting.

 **B. Making Music**. Erika Whittaker reported that the committee met on March 7. To discuss publicity. The schedule of concerts was in the March utility insert.

 **C. Mel Bay**. Zoe Perkins reported that the committee is in negotiations for an artist to headline the program and that they are exploring the possibility of having an organization from Kirkwood High School open the concert—possibly the KHS Jazz Band. The committee is also developing a budget. The probable date for the event is Thursday, December 1, 2022.

 **D. MACAA**. No report.

 **E. Gallery Program at the Kirkwood Performing Arts Center.** The new hanging system has been installed. There is an issue with the walls that will need to be addressed when they are repainted. The artists will install their works for the first show on March 25-27. The first show will open on March 30 at 4:00-7:00 p.m. The second show is scheduled to open July 13.

**IV. KIRKWOOD ARTS COMMISSION CHAIR’S REPORT.** Zoe Perkins reported that she met with Kyle Henke, Rick Duplissie and Russ Hawes to clarify the respective responsibilities for art at the Kirkwood Performing Arts Center. It was agreed that the Kirkwood Arts Commission shall responsibility for all public spaces and the Center’s General Manager shall have responsibility for all non-public spaces.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**. Waterways Car Wash has agreed to provide free washes to be raffled off as a fund-raising activity at Cars and Guitars. We will also offer the blinking guitars again. We will need volunteers to work the booth and someone to agree to be in charge of the booth during the festival.

**VI. KIRKWOOD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**. No report.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS.** A discussion was had about candidates for two open Commissioner positions. It was noted that there is also a need for volunteers interested in the work of the Commission.

**VIII.**  **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**. The Commissioners discussed various ideas about possible projects including those directed at increasing community participation in events, the arts as a healing experience, using artworks for the banners at the Kirkwood Performing Arts Center and in Greentree Park, plein air events, cooperation with the Human Rights Commission on projects, and publication of a work celebrating Quinette Cemetery similar to that done for Meacham Park a few years ago. Stefanie Kirkland advised the Commission of a campaign to urge City and County governments to dedicate 4% of the Federal monies received for Covid relief for use by the arts community.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.