



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, April 15, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Wolfe
Commissioner McAtee
Commissioner Schumann
Commissioner Goulet
Commissioner Ventour
Commissioner Seagraves
Commissioner Kirkpatrick
Commissioner Thompson
Commissioner Settles

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

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- A. Downtown/Depot Town Summer Music Plans + Permitting Process
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- B. Proposed Busking Policy to Support Street Art Performances
- C. Artist + Community Survey -- Artist Thrive Framework and Tremaine Foundation Funding Opportunity

D. Public Art Process and Guidelines

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Americans for the Arts Surveys on COVID-19 Impacts
[Creative Organizations and Businesses Survey](#)
[Artists and Creative Workers](#)

B. National Arts Advocacy Week + Resources
[Summary of 2021 Congressional Asks](#)
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X. UPDATES

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May 20, 2021

XIV. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES

ARTS COMMISSION Meeting

7:00 PM - Thursday, March 18, 2021
Zoom Meeting

The ARTS COMMISSION of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Thursday, March 18, 2021, in the Zoom Meeting.

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

2 ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner Wolfe - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner McAtee - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Schumann - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Goulet - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Ventour - excused late
Commissioner Seagraves - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Thompson - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Settles - Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County

Absent:

Commissioner Kirkpatrick

3 AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved.

Commissioner Schumann moved, seconded by Commissioner Wolfe.

Approved:

Yes - 8, No - 0, Absent - 1

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 18, 2021 meeting were approved.

Commissioner Seagraves moved, seconded by Commissioner Ventour.

Approved:

Yes - 8, No - 0, Absent - 1.

5 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

There were six members of the audience who made comments.

6 PRESENTATIONS

- a) Presentation by Andre Dowell, Chief of Artist Engagement, Sphinx Organization

7 NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Downtown/Depot Town Summer Music Plans + Permitting Process**

At 9:00 PM, the meeting was extended to 9:15 PM to allow for completion of the agenda.

Commissioner Schumann moved, seconded by Commissioner Ventour.

Approved:

Yes - 8, No - 0, Absent - 1.

There was a motion to amend the resolution in the agenda packet to include language that applicants for the public stages would be reviewed by the Arts Commission starting with their April 2021 meeting. Applications received prior to April 1st would be on a first come, first serve basis but with the recommendation that the Arts Commission be involved.

Commissioner Seagraves moved, seconded by Commissioner Schumann. Approved:

Yes - 8, No - 0, Absent - 1.

At 9:15 PM, the meeting was extended to 9:30 PM to allow for completion of the agenda.

Commissioner Schumann moved, seconded by Commissioner Ventour.

Approved:

Yes - 8, No - 0, Absent - 1.

At 9:30 PM, the meeting was extended to 9:45 PM to allow for completion of the agenda.

Commissioner Schumann moved, seconded by Commissioner Ventour.

Approved:

Yes - 8, No - 0, Absent - 1.

There was a motion to accept the resolution in the agenda packet as amended. Commissioner Schumann proposed a friendly amendment that performances included, music, dance, and public art, which was accepted.

Commissioner Wolfe proposed a friendly amendment that a single entity cannot reserve a stage for more than 30% of the available time slots

Downtown or more than 50% of the available time slots in Depot Town in any given month, which was accepted.

Commissioner Seagraves moved, seconded by Commissioner Ventour.

Approved:

Yes - 8, No - 0, Absent - 1.

8 OLD BUSINESS

a) Proposed Busking Policy to Support Street Art Performances

b) **Artist + Community Survey -- Artist Thrive Framework and Tremaine Foundation Funding Opportunity**

There was a motion to approve the community arts survey plan as presented to the Arts Commission with a budget of \$4000, recommend use of funds as outlined in the plan, and recommend the plan as outlined to Ypsilanti City Council at their next meeting.

Commissioner Seagraves moved, seconded by Commissioner Settles.

Approved:

Yes - 8, No - 0, Absent - 1.

At 9:45 PM, the meeting was extended until 10:00 PM to allow for completion of the agenda.

Commissioner Schumann moved, seconded by Commissioner Ventour.

Approved:

Yes - 8, No - 0, Absent - 1.

c) Public Art Process and Guidelines

9 DISCUSSION ITEMS

No discussion items.

10 UPDATES

a) YCS Streetscape Banners

b) Funding Resources / Partners

c) **Speaker Series to Build Awareness/Knowledge**

At 10:00 PM, there was a motion to extend the meeting until 10:15 PM to allow for audience participation and public comments.

Commissioner Schumann moved, seconded by Commissioner Ventour.

Approved:

Yes - 8, No - 0, Absent - 1.

11 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

There were two members of the audience who made comments.

12 PROPOSED BUSINESS

No proposed business.

13 NEXT MEETING DATE

April 15, 2021

14 ADJOURNMENT

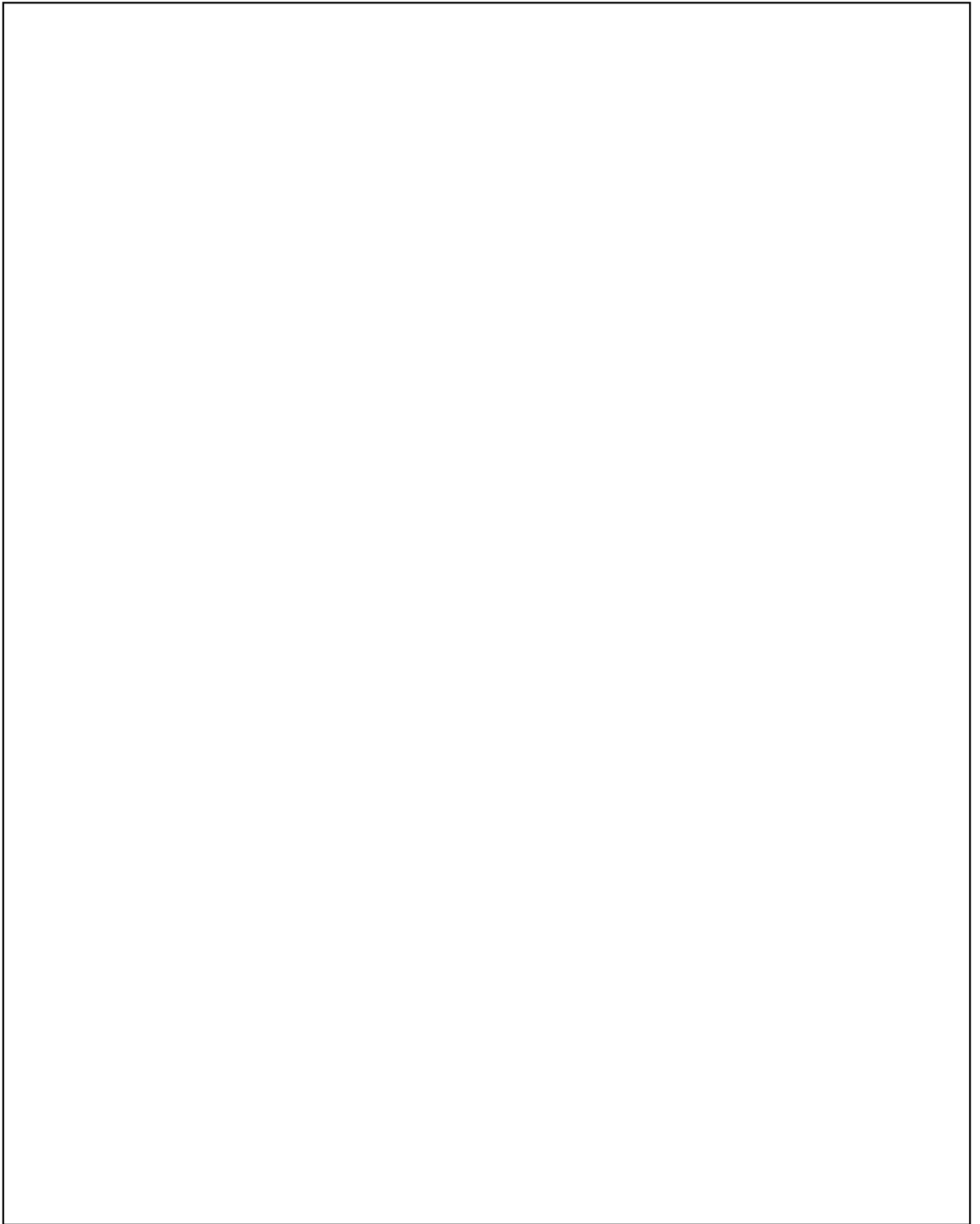
a) There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Wolfe moved, seconded by Commissioner Seagraves.

Approved:

Yes - 8, No - 0, Absent - 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 PM.





Resolution No. 2020-276
November 9, 2020

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

With regard to audience participation, citizens are urged, but not required, to present requests or complaints in writing to the Administration before meetings, along with indications of desire to address Council. General audience participation normally shall be held to one hour maximum, with three (3) minutes granted to individuals.

- A. Acceptable Conduct
 - a. Speakers shall not share, loan or borrow time.
 - b. Comments from speakers must be civil and respectful. Comments on physical appearance or character not related to job performance will not be tolerated. Infractions will result in the loss of remaining time, by order of the Chair, after one warning.
 - c. Members of the audience are expected to respect the views of others and not interrupt or harass speakers. Persons not following this rule may be expelled from the building by order of the Chair after one warning.
- B. Audience Participation. Audience participation shall be set at the beginning of the agenda, after Presentations.
 - a. In order to designate priority in speaking, citizens shall sign up in person prior to the start of Audience Participation.
 - b. Each speaker may speak a maximum of three (3) minutes.
 - c. A maximum of sixty (60) minutes will be allowed for Audience Participation.
 - d. Following signed in speakers, others who wish to speak will be recognized by a show of hands.
- C. Public Hearings
 - a. Speakers' remarks are limited to the subject of the public hearing.
 - b. Speakers are allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes.



**City of Ypsilanti
Arts Commission**

To: City of Ypsilanti Arts Commission
From: Elize Jekabson, Arts Commission Staff Liaison
Date: April 13, 2021

Subject: Street Closure Noise Permit Applications

Staff has received the following applications as of 4/13/21 for the N. Washington Street Closure:

N. Washington St. Closure

Dated: 3/26/21
Applicant: David Roberts - Ypsi Alehouse
Dates: 4/16,4/24,5/15,5/28,5/29,6/5,6/19
Times: 5-10pm

Live Bands, PA System, Stereo Equipment

*Ypsi Alehouse also applied for 5/7 and 7/2 however those dates have been approved for First Fridays Ypsilanti to hold the noise permit.

Depot Town Street Closure

Dated: 3/26/21
Applicant: Jessica French - Depot Town Community Development Corp
Dates: All Fridays and Saturdays May 15 through October 16th
Times: noon-10pm

Live Bands, PA System, Stereo Equipment

The Ypsilanti DDA will be considering a \$3000 grant to Ypsi Alehouse on the morning of 4/15/21 to help pay for the sound tech for their requested dates.