



**CITY OF YPSILANTI  
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
Thursday, May 20, 2021 @ 7:00 PM  
Virtual  
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**

**IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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A. [ARTS COMMISSION - 15 Apr 2021 - Minutes](#)

**V AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE**

Open for general public comment to Arts Commission on items for which a public hearing is not scheduled. Please limit to three minutes.

**VI PRESENTATIONS**

A. Allison Buck, Chair of the Ann Arbor Public Arts Commission

**VII NEW BUSINESS**

**VIII OLD BUSINESS**

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A. Downtown/Depot Town Noise Permitting Process and Application Reviews

- Depot Town CDC
- Ypsi Alehouse
- Kenyatta Barbee
- Ziggys

[STREET CLOSURE MUSIC MEMO FINAL](#)

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- B. Proposed Busking Policy to Support Street Art Performances  
[DRAFT Busking Guidelines](#)
- C. Artist and Community Survey
- D. Public Art Process + Guidelines

**IX DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**X UPDATES**

- A. Private Mural Projects in Ypsilanti
- B. Black Lives Matter Street Mural Project
- C. MCACA FY 2022 Grant Application Deadline - June 1, 2021
- D. Creative Washtenaw Aid for Artists, Creative Workers/ Organizations/  
Businesses

**XI AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE**

**XII PROPOSED BUSINESS**

**XIII NEXT MEETING DATE**

June 17, 2021

**XIV ADJOURNMENT**



# MINUTES

## ARTS COMMISSION Meeting

7:00 PM - Thursday, April 15, 2021  
Council Chambers

The ARTS COMMISSION of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

### II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner Wolfe - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County  
Commissioner Kirkpatrick - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County  
Commissioner Goulet - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County  
Commissioner Ventour - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County excused late (7:11 pm)  
Commissioner Seagraves - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County  
Commissioner Thompson - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County excused late (7:05 pm - 8:30 pm)  
Commissioner Settles - Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County

Absent:

Commissioner Schumann  
Commissioner McAtee

### III. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Wolfe, seconded by Commissioner Kirkpatrick. On a voice vote the motion carried.

Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent - 4

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the March 18th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Seagraves, seconded by Commissioner Settles. On a voice vote the motion carried.

Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent - 4

### V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

None

## **VI. PRESENTATIONS**

None

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Time Limits and Rules for Audience Participation**

There was a motion to adopt the guidelines from Ypsilanti City Council for the Art Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Kirkpatrick, seconded by Commissioner Ventour. On a voice vote the motion carried.

Yes - 7, No - 0, Absent - 2

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Downtown/Depot Town Summer Music Plans + Permitting Process**

Jessica French from Depot Town CDC - Spoke about her application and plans in Depot Town.

A motion was made to approve of the dates for the CDC's Depot Town application through the end of June street closure.

Moved by Commissioner Seagraves, seconded by Commissioner Settles. On a voice vote the motion carried.

Yes - 7, No - 0, Absent - 2

Dave Roberts sent an email regarding date changes for approval.

A motion was made to approve of the dates for Downtown (Washington Street) for Dave Roberts application through the end of June street closure, to keep consistent with the recommendation for Depot Town.

Moved by Commissioner Wolfe, seconded by Commissioner Kirkpatrick. On a voice vote the motion carried.

Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 3

### **B. Proposed Busking Policy to Support Street Art Performances**

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- Previous meeting: Possibly using off days for street closure as a launching pad for the busking policy.
- Brining recommendations to Council

### **C. Artist + Community Survey -- Artist Thrive Framework and Tremaine Foundation Funding Opportunity**

None

### **D. Public Art Process and Guidelines**

No update

**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](#)  
[Creative Washtenaw Casemaking Data + Resources](#)

**X. UPDATES**

None

**XI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE**

None

**XII. PROPOSED BUSINESS**

None

**XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

May 20, 2021

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.  
Moved by Commissioner Seagraves, seconded by Commissioner Kirkpatrick. On a voice vote the motion carried.

Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 3





## STREET CLOSURE MUSIC MEMO

5/20/2021

For: Arts Commission  
From: Christopher Jacobs, Community Development Manager &  
Elize Jekabson, Community Engagement Specialist

Subject: Street Closure Music

**Background:** To date the Arts Commission has received four applications for review:

1. Depot Town CDC - May 15 - October 16 Depot Town
2. Ypsi Alehouse 4/16, 4/24, 5/7, 5/15, 5/28, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26 and all dates from July 1 to November 1
3. Kenyatta Barbee 7/31/21 and 9/4/21 - 5-10pm and 7/23/21 and 7/24/21 - 6-10pm Downtown
4. Ziggys 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/16, 7/23, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/20, 8/28, 9/10, 9/17, 9/18, 9/25, 10/8, 10/15, 10/23, 10/30 7-10pm Downtown

Depot Town CDC has requested Arts Commission consider her application for the dates July 1 to October 16 and has offered to yield some of those dates should another application be received.

Dave Roberts has requested Arts Commission consider his application for the dates July 1 to November 1 and has offered to yield some of those dates should another application be received.

Kenyatta Barbee has requested Arts Commission consider her application for the dates 7/23, 7/24, 7/31 and 9/4 Downtown.

Jo Jeffries has requested Arts Commission consider her application for the dates 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/16, 7/23, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/20, 8/28, 9/10, 9/17, 9/18, 9/25, 10/8, 10/15, 10/23, 10/30 7-10pm Downtown

- Staff has reached out to one applicant who requested a conflicted date, offered alternate dates, and gave contact information for the Depot Town CDC. This was their only available date, and declined the offer but are excited to apply in 2022 if given the chance.

1. Amin Lanseur (Stormy Chromer) 6/18/21 5-10pm Downtown

**Arts Commission has approved the following dates on April 15, 2020**

1. Depot Town CDC May 15-June 30 Depot Town
2. Ypsi Alehouse 4/16, 4/24, 5/7, 5/15, 5/28, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/26

**City Staff have approved the following applications**

1. Ypsi Alehouse - May 14, May 15
2. Drew Denton - Juneteenth event 6/19/21 - 5-9pm Downtown. (Ypsi Alehouse yielded date to applicant)
3. First Fridays 5/7/21, 6/4/21, 6/11/21, 6/18/21, 6/25/21 7/2/21, 8/6/21, 9/3/21, 10/1/21 (applied and approved in February of 2021)

The following calendar is provided in order to help navigate Arts Commission decisions based on dates where more than one applicant has applied.



Date	Applicant	Approved by AC	Notes
5/21/2021	Alehouse	Yes	
5/22/2021	Alehouse	Yes	
5/28/2021	Alehouse	Yes	
5/29/2021	Alehouse	Yes	
6/4/2021	First Fridays	Yes	
6/5/2021	Alehouse	Yes	
6/11/2021	Ypsi Pride	Yes	
6/12/2021	Alehouse	Yes	
6/18/2021	Ypsi Pride	Yes	
6/19/2021	Drew Denton	Yes	
6/25/2021	Ypsi Pride	Yes	
6/26/2021	Alehouse	Yes	
7/2/2021	First Fridays	Yes	
7/3/2021	Alehouse	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
7/9/2021	Alehouse	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
7/10/2021	Alehouse	No	Bands Booked 8-10pm - Staff Recommended for Approval
7/10/2021	Ziggys	No	6-8pm Open - Staff Recommended for Approval
7/16/2021	Alehouse	No	Date conflict
7/16/2021	Ziggys	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
7/17/2021	Alehouse	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
7/23/2021	Ziggys	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
7/23/2021	Kenyatta Barbee	No	Date conflict
7/23/2021	Alehouse	No	Date conflict
7/24/2021	Alehouse	No	Date conflict
7/24/2021	Kenyatta Barbee	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
7/30/2021	Alehouse	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
7/31/2021	Alehouse	No	Date conflict
7/31/2021	Ziggys	No	Date conflict
7/31/2021	Kenyatta Barbee	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
8/6/2021	First Fridays	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
8/7/2021	Alehouse	No	Date conflict
8/7/2021	Ziggys	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
8/13/2021	Alehouse	No	Date conflict
8/13/2021	Ziggys		Staff Recommended for Approval
8/14/2021	Alehouse	No	Date conflict
8/14/2021	Ziggys	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
8/20/2021	Alehouse	No	Date conflict
8/20/2021	Ziggys	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
8/21/2021	Ziggys	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
8/21/2021	Alehouse	No	Date conflict
8/27/2021	Alehouse	No	Date conflict
8/27/2021	Ziggys	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
8/28/2021	Alehouse	No	Date conflict
8/28/2021	Ziggys	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
9/3/2021	Festival of the Honey Bee	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
9/4/2021	Alehouse	No	Staff Recommended for Approval
9/4/2021	Kenyatta Barbee	No	Date conflict



## City of Ypsilanti Arts Commission: Busking Guidelines (DRAFT)

### What

The City of Ypsilanti Arts Commission has designated sponsored locations in Downtown and Depot Town for busking and/or other public street performances.

- This program is meant to encourage public performance and does not represent a limit on where or how much busking is permitted. Anyone may busk in any outdoor, public area in the City of Ypsilanti.

Currently, these sites are first-come, first-serve.

- Per City of Ypsilanti policy, public performances are allowed from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. and shall not exceed 80 dB. Please treat audience members and other performers respectfully.

### Other performance guidelines

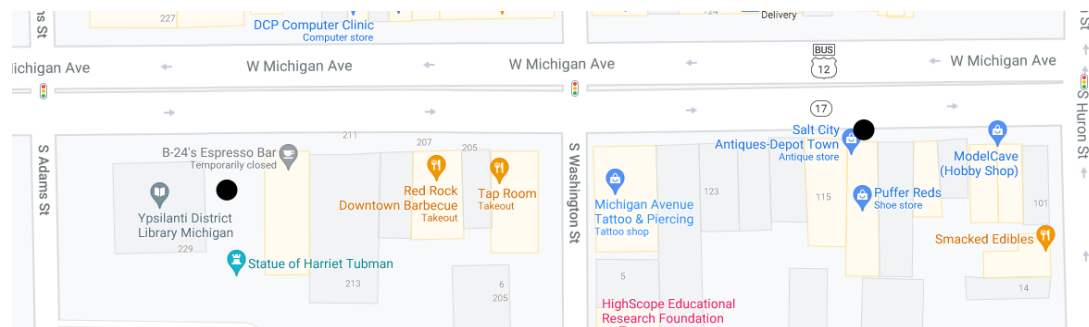
- Be a good neighbor. Consider other residents, including people that pass-by
- Perform when there are no activities scheduled
- Keep clear access along pedestrian area so people can move freely
- Leave performance area in a clean and tidy condition
- Stop entertainment immediately if any risk to public safety
- *Performance content must be appropriate for a general audience*

Register yourself as a performer or performance organization with the Arts Commission to learn more about the busking policy, including how to reserve performance locations in advance!

- Visit the Arts Commission's website (<https://cityofypsilanti.com/755/Arts-Commission>) or use the QR Code on the sign at each busking location to complete your online registration.

### Where

#### Downtown

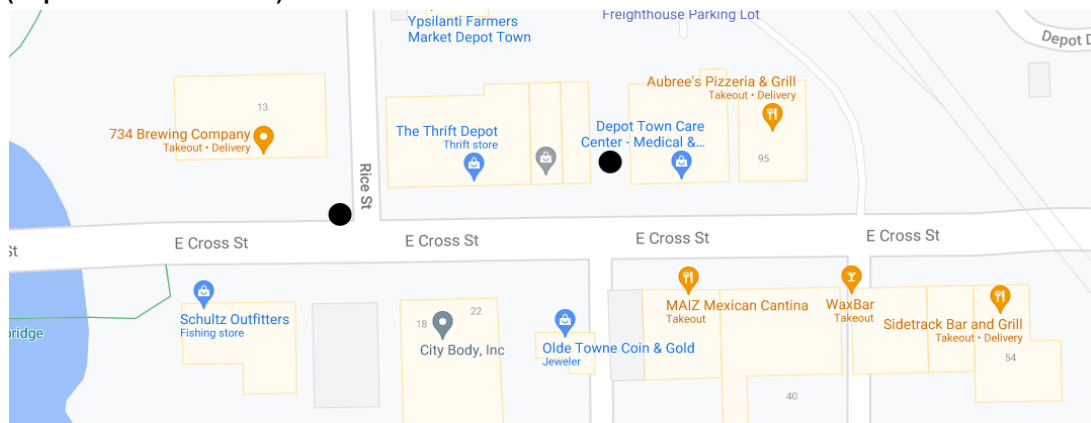


- The plaza directly east of the downtown branch of the Ypsilanti District Library (229 W Michigan avenue - **this location has access to power**)
- The sidewalk in front of Puffer Red's (113 W Michigan Ave)

### Depot Town

- The alley connecting E Cross Street with Freighthouse Plaza (**this location has access to power**)
- The corner of Rice Street and E Cross Street adjacent to 734 Brewing Company's outdoor patio (15 E Cross Street)

### (Depot Town - continued)



### COVID-19 Guidelines

Busking performances must comply with any and all active public health orders issued by the City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County Health Department, and/or the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

The City of Ypsilanti Arts Commission strongly encourages busking performers to wear masks and maintain social distancing whenever possible. Additionally, we recommend people who have recently been knowingly exposed to COVID-19, have recently tested positive for COVID-19, and/or are experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19 not participate in public performances of any kind.

Visit the following websites to learn more about COVID-19 and related public health orders:

- [State of Michigan COVID-19 Resource Page](#)
- [Washtenaw County Health Department COVID-19 Resource Page](#)
- [City of Ypsilanti COVID-19 Guidance](#)

### Liability

The City of Ypsilanti and sponsoring business are not responsible for injury or property damage resulting from performances at these designated busking sites. [Note from GS: *we should probably consult with the city attorney about this language and the similar language appearing on the signage*]

