



Minutes
CITY OF YPSILANTI
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, January 12, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

I. CALL TO ORDER (6:34pm)

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Seagraves, Settles, McAtee, Thompson, Wolfe, Settles

Staff: Elize Jakobson

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Settles. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Yes - 5; No- 0;

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Seagraves moved, seconded by Commissioner Settles to approve the minutes. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Yes - 5; No- 0;

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE -none.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. UMS - Community Arts Forum Jan 20

Staff shared a flier for the upcoming community forum at the freighthouse. The Commissioners plan on attending.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Artist Survey Review Working Document- Action Plan for Community Arts Survey

The commission discussed edits on the document from last month.

Question #22 should be changed to "What can the Arts Commission do for the Ypsilanti Community"

Translation costs should be taken from the "supplies" section in the old budget breakdown.

Motion to accept the and recommend the resolution with amendments made at todays meeting offered by Commissioner McAtee, and supported by Commissioner Wolfe. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Yes - 5; No- 0;

RESOLVED BY ARTS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Arts Commission desires to cultivate a community culture and environment that embraces and nurtures artistic and creative assets; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Commission desiree to promote and further diversity, equity and inclusion of all of Ypsilanti in the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Commission desires to collect information from the community about the arts to inform the Commission in its role with the City, share this information with local, state and national arts organizations and provide insight on the current state of the arts in Ypsilanti.

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti City Council approved the Community and Artists Survey Ypsilanti Art Commission Action Plan, and the Request for Qualifications for the Community and Artists Survey Outreach Consultant in October of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the grant of \$4,000 from the Tremaine Foundation for the implementation of this survey was received by the City of Ypsilanti on November 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Commission identified questions on the approved survey that are no longer relevant or valuable due to the time lapsed between approval and receiving of the funds; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Commission has reviewed updated the Community and Artists Survey questions, included translation services Artists Survey Ypsilanti Art Commission Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Commission wishes to recommend implementation of the Community and Artists Survey Ypsilanti Art Commission Action Plan, and the Request for Qualifications for the Community and Artists Survey Outreach Consultant as amended; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Arts Commission of the City of Ypsilanti, that this resolution is provided to the City Manager and City Council for recommendation.

OFFERED BY: McAtee

SUPPORTED BY: Wolfe

YES: 5

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

VOTE: Approved

Staff will bring this item to the City Manager.

B. Poet Laureate Discussion

Ciatta Tucker presented and proposed a City of Ypsilanti Poet Laureate Program complete with a timeline and a budget. Molly Raynor who joined the meeting via zoom spoke about her experience running a similar program in Ann Arbor.

The commission discussed the importance of supporting Ypsi's spoken word artists, and that this program is a great way to do so.

Commissioner Seagraves motioned to recommend review and approval of the City of Ypsilanti Poet Laureate Program as proposed by the City of Ypsilanti City Manager or City Council. Commissioner McAtee supported the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Yes - 5; No- 0;

Staff will bring this item to the City Manager.

VIII. UPDATES

A. Arts/Events around Ypsilanti

The Bicentennial ball drop was successful.

January 20th - Black History Month Art opening at Riverside Arts Center

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

X. PROPOSED BUSINESS

Commissioner Thompson would like to discuss the budget at next month's meeting.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE February 9, 2023

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:11pm by Commissioner McAtee, and supported by Commissioner Seagraves.

On a voice vote, the motion carried. Yes - 5; No- 0;