



Minutes  
CITY OF YPSILANTI  
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
Thursday, February 9, 2023 @ 6:30 PM  
Council Chambers  
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Settles

**Staff:** Jekabson

**III. AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Commissioner McAtee moved, seconded by Commissioner Seagraves 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. Introduction to Evan Sweet - New City Council Liaison to Arts Commission**

City Councilperson Evan Sweet introduced himself and talked about his experience at the Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation Commission, and his experience working in public administration which include public arts admin.

**B. 2023 Goals Discussion**

The committee revisited goals from the past. They discussed the busking program that has been set aside for a while, and are interested in bringing it back to attention.

The busking ordinance as discussed in 2021/22 would be difficult to program.

The commission would like to explore expanding the busking policy from fixed locations at specific street corners to a district wide policy.

- Identify which districts : DDA District?
- Look at current busking or noise ordinances and see what can be improved or changed.
- Create a marketing campaign that informs the public the why, and the how.

This approach would invite the City to officially declare busking as not an enforcement priority, similar to how the City addressed cannabis use in the past.

The commission discussed partnerships with city facilities. Senior center has art events, how can the commission contribute?

The commission could host a city sponsored arts event series at the Freighthouse.

Look at fundraising options again.

**C. 2023 Budget Discussion**

Budget for the poet laureate program 2nd year would need to be included in the upcoming budget proposal.

Commission members were asked to bring back budget items to next meeting,

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**VIII. UPDATES**

**A. Poet Laureate Proposal - Scheduled for City Council Feb. 21st**

**B. Artist Survey - Scheduled for City Council Feb. 21st**

Staff invited the commission to come support the items during public comment.

**C. Arts/Events around Ypsilanti**

Embracing our differences - May 16, Arts Extravaganza at WCC, Staff is expecting EOD to come before the Arts Commission for this years project in the park.

RAC community meetings- unfortunately at the same time tonight as this meeting, but there are two more meetings coming up.

Heartbreakers and Art Makers event at the Freighthouse this weekend.

**IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE - n/a**

**X. PROPOSED BUSINESS**

**XI. NEXT MEETING DATE Thursday, March 9, 2023**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion to adjourn at 7:47pm by Commissioner Wolfe and supported by Commissioner McAtee. Motion passed - unanimous.***