



# MINUTES

## ARTS COMMISSION Meeting

7:00 PM - Thursday, March 18, 2021

Zoom Meeting

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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.

