



Minutes
CITY OF YPSILANTI
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, July 13, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

I. CALL TO ORDER (6:39pm)

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Seagraves, McAtee, Baxter, Wolfe (6:42pm), Thompson (6:45pm)

Staff: Jakobson

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Seagraves moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Baxter.

On a voice vote, the motion carried. Yes - 3; No- 0; Absent - 2 (Wolfe, Thompson)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Seagraves moved, seconded by Commissioner Baxter to approve the June 8, 2023 minutes. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Yes - 3; No- 0; Absent - 2 (Baxter, Wolfe)

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE -none.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions Update Boards and Commissions

City Council Liaison Evan Sweet presented the proposed changes to the commissions, including exclusion of the open meeting act requirements, and the merger of Arts Commission with Parks and Recreation Commission.

The commissioners had a Q&A with the presenter.

B. Bylaw update for membership Membership update

Given the update for the future of the commission, the bylaw update may only be relevant for one month. The commission decided to make the motion, in case the commission merge failed at council.

Commissioner Wolfe motioned that the Arts Commission recommend the following updates in the City of Ypsilanti Code of Ordinances in the event that the City Council does not merge Commissions in September 2023:

1. Sec. 79-2 - Creation; composition; appointment.

"The Ypsilanti Art Commission is created and shall consist of not less than **five** three and not more than nine members, and two non-voting youth members appointed by the mayor, subject to the confirmation of city council."

2. Sec. 79-5. (a) - Membership.

"The YAC shall consist of not less than **five** three nor more than nine voting members, and two non-voting youth members nominated by the mayor and approved by city council. The city manager or her designee shall be a nonvoting ex-officio member of YAC. Appointments of the voting members

shall be made from candidates who have the following expertise or affiliation: (1) Persons who, insofar as possible, have experience and/or an interest in the placement, creation, or design of public art.” Supported by Commissioner Seagraves. Motion passed; Yes - 5 ; No- 0; (Wolfe, Thompson)

VII. OLD BUSINESS - none.

VIII. UPDATES

A. Current AC Projects

Artist survey RFQ - still no interested parties. Staff asked Commissioners to think of other ways of distributing the survey.

Poet Laureate Program - Ciatta Tucker provided an updated timeline of the program. Contract will be signed later this week.

B. Arts/Events around Ypsilanti

Events in the park, Riverside Arts Center, First Fridays Ypsilanti

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE - none.

X. PROPOSED BUSINESS - none.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE August 10, 2023

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:13pm by Commissioner Wolfe, supported by Commissioner Seagraves. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Yes - 5; No- 0; Absent - 0