



MINUTES

ARTS COMMISSION Meeting

7:00 PM - Monday, September 13, 2021

Virtual

The ARTS COMMISSION of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 7:04 PM, in the Zoom Meeting.

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

2 ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner McAtee - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Goulet - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Seagraves - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Kirkpatrick - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Thompson - Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Settles - Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County

Absent:

Commissioner Wolfe
Commissioner Ventour

3 AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved.

Commissioner Goulet moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Kirkpatrick.

Approved:

Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 2

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 19, 2021, meeting were approved.

Commissioner Goulet moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Seagraves.

Approved:

Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 2

5 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

No comments were made.

6 NEW BUSINESS

a) Election of Officers

There was discussion of whether to elect a chair and vice-chair or to amend the bylaws to allow for co-chairs. The commission decided to elect a chair and vice-chair.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved to nominate Commissioner Thompson as chair and Commissioner McAtee as vice-chair. Commissioner McAtee added a friendly amendment to have himself run the remainder of the September meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion was approved as amended.

Approved:

Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 2

b) L.O.V.E. is the Answer Day

Commissioner Settles made a presentation with clarifications from audience member Gail Wolkoff, prompting heavy discussion from the commissioners regarding the role of the Art Commission in approving temporary art installations. Resolution 2021-06 was amended, and the resolution was approved.

Resolution 2021-06 (amended):

RESOLVED BY ARTS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Arts Commission desires to facilitate public art opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Commission wishes to express support for the L.O.V.E is the Answer event on September 17th, 2021; and

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

OFFERED BY: Commissioner Goulet

SUPPORTED BY: Commissioner Thompson

YES: Commissioner McAtee, Commissioner Goulet, Commissioner Seagraves, Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Settles

NO: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Ventour, Commissioner Wolfe

VOTE: Approved

c) Embracing our Differences Mural Project

Audience member Nancy Margolis made a presentation, prompting discussion between all the commissioners. The commission decided to request more information before approving resolution 2021-05.

7 OLD BUSINESS

a) Proposed Busking Policy to Support Street Art Performances

Commissioners Thompson and Settles discussed the status of the proposed busking policy with Elize Jekabson of the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority.

b) Artist and Community Survey

Commissioner Seagraves gave a brief update.

c) Public Art Process + Guidelines

Commissioner Seagraves made a brief update.

8 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

No comments were made.

9 PROPOSED BUSINESS

Commissioner Thompson proposed that the commissioners devise concrete goals, timelines, and budget requests to be discussed at the next meeting. Commissioner Thompson also proposed having a special meeting in the first two weeks of October and asked about having in-person meetings if possible.

10 NEXT MEETING DATE

October 21, 2021

11 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Commissioner Seagraves moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Goulet.

Approved:

Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 2