



MINUTES

ARTS COMMISSION Meeting

7:00 PM - Thursday, October 21, 2021

Virtual

The Arts Commission of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 7:03 PM, in the Zoom meeting.

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

2 ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner Wolfe - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner McAtee - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Seagraves - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Kirkpatrick - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Thompson - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County

Absent:

Commissioner Goulet
Commissioner Ventour
Commissioner Settles

3 AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved.

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

Approved:

Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent - 3

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 13, 2021 meeting were approved.

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

Approved:

Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent - 3

5 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

No comments were made.

6 NEW BUSINESS

a) Embracing our Differences Public Art Project

Nancy Margolis presented more information about the Embracing Our Differences Mural Project. The commission thanked her for her hard work but raised concerns about the percentage of artwork on display created by Ypsilanti residents. Nancy and the commission agreed that Nancy would return for the December or January meeting once she had a better idea of the number of projects submitted.

b) Meeting Dates for the rest of 2022

The commission discussed switching to the second Thursday of each month and agreed to vote on this at a future meeting with more commissioners present.

c) 2022 Arts Plan

The commission agreed to vote on goals and priorities for 2022 at a future meeting.

7 OLD BUSINESS

a) Proposed Busking Policy to Support Street Art Performances

Elize Jekabson of the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority gave an update. Commissioner Thompson expressed a desire to have a trial run of a busking policy around the holiday season of 2021.

b) Artist and Community Survey

Commissioner McAtee presented a plan, and Elize Jekabson discussed ways to handle funding from the Tremaine Foundation. Resolution 2021-06 was approved.

Resolution 2021-06

Resolved by the Art 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 desires 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 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; 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 Wolfe

Supported by: Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Yes: Commissioner Wolfe, Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner McAtee, Commissioner Seagraves

No: None

Absent: Commissioner Goulet, Commissioner Settles, Commissioner Ventour

Vote: Approved 5-0

c) Public Art Process + Guidelines

The commission discussed a desire to have firmer guidelines in place for future projects and discussed who should take the lead on developing those guidelines.

8 UPDATES

a) Commissioner Goulet - Ypsi Glow

Elize Jekabson read a brief update from Commissioner Goulet regarding Ypsi Glow.

9 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

No comments were made.

10 PROPOSED BUSINESS

a) Annual Report for 2021

The commission discussed preparing their report regarding accomplishments in 2021 and a desire to have the report ready for city council by the new year.

b) Attending City Council Meetings

Commissioner Thompson expressed a desire for an Arts Commissioner to be present at all city council meetings and having a signup sheet to accomplish this.

11 NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, November 18th

12 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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

Approved:

Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent - 3

