



# MINUTES

## ARTS COMMISSION Meeting

7:00 PM - Thursday, November 18, 2021

Virtual

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The ARTS COMMISSION of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Thursday, November 18, 2021, 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 Ventour - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County

Commissioner Seagraves - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County

Commissioner Kirkpatrick - Excused Late

Commissioner Thompson - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County

Commissioner Settles - Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County

Absent:

Commissioner Wolfe

Commissioner Goulet

### 3 AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved.

**Commissioner McAtee moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ventour.**

**Approved:**

**Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent - 3**

### 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 21, 2021 meeting were approved.

**Commissioner Ventour 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) 2022 Meeting Dates

The commission agreed to move their meetings to the second Thursday of each month starting in January 2022.

**Commissioner Ventour moved to approve the meeting dates for 2022, seconded by Commissioner McAtee.**

**Approved:**

**Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 2**

## 7 OLD BUSINESS

### 2022 Arts Commission Plan Discussion

The commission discussed the following items as potential priorities for 2022:

- a) Youth poet laureate program
- b) Community arts gala
- c) Website or social media page for the Arts Commission
- d) Regular/Quarterly calls for public art
- e) Public art events calendar
- f) Reading series for literary arts
- g) Implementing an adult poet laureate to pair with the youth poet laureate
- h) Community involvement through partnerships and building relationships, particularly with Parkridge Community Center
- i) Seeking out partnerships and grant opportunities
- j) Fully defining a Public Art Process for the commission

## 8 UPDATES

### a) Artist Survey and RFQ

Commissioners Thompson and Seagraves gave an update on their presentation to City Council and encouraged the commission to seek out youth members.

### b) Public Art Process + Guidelines

No updates. Will be moved to Old Business starting with the December meeting's agenda.

### c) Proposed Busking Policy to Support Street Art Performances

Commissioner Thompson gave an update and encouraged the commission to reach out to anyone potentially interested in busking during the upcoming holiday season.

## 9 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

No comments were made.

## **10 PROPOSED BUSINESS**

### **a) Staying Power**

Commissioner Thompson proposed having Molly Raynor of Staying Power attend the next meeting to discuss a Youth Poet Laureate program.

### **b) Informal Gathering**

Commissioner Thompson proposed an informal holiday meeting of the commission so that everyone can meet face to face rather than virtually. It would be a friendly gathering only with no business discussed.

### **c) Embracing Our Differences Mural Project**

Commissioners Settles and Thompson encouraged the commission to reach out to their community contacts so that Ypsilanti has as many entries in this project as possible.

## **11 NEXT MEETING DATE**

December 16, 2021

## **12 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

**Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ventour.**

**Approved:**

**Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 2**