



MINUTES

ARTS COMMISSION Meeting

7:00 PM - Thursday, December 16, 2021

Virtual

The ARTS COMMISSION of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Thursday, December 16, 2021, 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 Ventour - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Seagraves - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Thompson - Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Settles - Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County

Absent:

Commissioner Goulet
Commissioner Kirkpatrick

3 AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved.

Commission Ventour moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Seagraves.

Approved:

Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 2

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting were approved.

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

Approved:

Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 2

5 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

No comments were made.

6 NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

7 OLD BUSINESS

a) 2022 Arts Plan - Committees and Timelines

Commissioner Wolfe proposed adding activities for seniors and for families with young children as priorities for 2022. The commission agreed to form the following subcommittees and asked that they be ready to present an update at the March 2022 meeting:

- Development
- Community Partnerships
- Budget
- Gala and Poet Laureate
- Communications

b) Public Art Process + Guidelines

Commissioners McAtee and Seagraves gave a brief update and agreed to take on a role in developing firm guidelines for the commission.

8 UPDATES

a) Proposed Busking Policy to Support Street Art Performances

Commissioner Thompson informed the commission that there will be short time slots this weekend as a trial run and encouraged the commissioners to reach out to any musicians who might be interested.

b) Embracing Our Differences Mural Project

Commissioner Settles and Elize Jekabson the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority gave updates. The commission encouraged each other to remind artists they know to submit by the February 1st deadline. The commission also discussed the possibility of creating a promotional video to give the event more publicity.

9 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

No comments were made.

10 PROPOSED BUSINESS

a) Staying Power - Scheduled for January meeting.

b) Presence at City Council meetings - Commissioner Thompson proposed that one commissioner be at each city council meeting as an audience member. Commissioner Thompson also said she intends to meet with Council Member Sommerville to see if she will attend Arts Commission meetings.

11 NEXT MEETING DATE

January 13, 2022

12 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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

Approved:

Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 2