

WARRENSBURG ARTS COMMISSION
Monday, March 2, 2020

Call to Order

A meeting of the Warrensburg Arts Commission was held on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center, 200 S. Holden, with Chairman Laura Lockhart presiding.

Present were: Jay Linhardt, Aerin Sentgeorge, Stephanie Sekelsky, Ellie Schmutz, Ray Crisp, Cindy Bechtol, Scott Holmberg, City Council representative, and Laura Lockhart.

Establish Quorum

A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda

Stephanie moved to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 3, 2020, meeting were considered. Ellie moved to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Laura said the group photo will be taken immediately following the presentation by Jill Purvis of Main Street. Laura said Julie Kendall will be attending the Arts Commission meeting in April.

Guests/visitors

Jill Purvis, Executive Director of Main Street, and the Events Coordinator, Jamie, said they have begun to focus on more art in downtown Warrensburg. She said they are proposing placing sculptures in an area on Railroad Street by United Missouri Bank. Jill said they have been working with the design committee about planting flowers, but later decided on sculptures. She said if the Arts Commission has sculptures, they could work with the Commission. Jill said they would like to complete this project in May or even as late as fall.

Jill said they are also thinking of a historical walk in May for National Preservation month. She said it would be an opportunity to tell a story of history. Cindy B. said the Community Theatre and Performing Arts have helped Main Street in the past and would be happy to continue with projects.

Jill said Main Street is trying to revive the Art Walk again. She said they are looking for different ideas. Jill said an artist that wants to participate can sign up on the Main Street website. Ray said a poet could give a reading, and Jay said he had the best luck meeting with department heads at the University. He said the actual connection helped with future participation.

Jill said the alley behind Heroes will be activated with lights and planters and she said hopefully a mural will eventually be added. Jill said they want to get the staircase painted and completed this summer.

Group Photo

Laura said Ellie has written a press release, and the group photo of the Arts Commission members taken today will be submitted to the *Daily Star Journal*.

Finance/Budget Report

Stephanie said around \$19,900 remains in the Arts Commission budget. In the Finance report, Stephanie said the maintenance of the bobbars needs to continue and to keep in mind that other Arts Commission property might also need maintenance, such as at Blind Boone Park.

Stephanie said Jeff Imboden is a good contact for budget questions, and that he has been helpful on her committee. There was discussion of the Rotary Globe at the Community Center. Stephanie suggested the Boy Scouts might like this as an assigned project for Community service.

Ellie asked about requesting money and raising money. Fundraising options were briefly discussed. Laura asked about all the Arts pieces the commission is responsible for. Cindy G. said she has a lot of the files and could bring them to the next meeting. Ray will give the information he received from Christian Cutler. Scott suggested Cindy scan the document son the City's website. Ellie will work on google drive for sharing the documents.

Updates on Programs

KOKO Radio Schedule-Ellie said her committee would like to reach Janet Bonsall Humphries. Aerin will forward her number to Ellie.

Chair Updates

In chair updates, Laura said she has had questions about grant funding. Jay said if it is a grant, it is not considered an asset.

Monetary and Grant Requests will continue but will be slowed down a bit. Grants could be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Marketing/Publicity-Ellie said they have met and are looking for additional members. She said they are working on several items for the media.

Arts in Public Places-Aerin updated everyone on 25 tile boards of the Legacy Tile Project and passed around several examples designed by the different schools. She said the schools participating are: The middle school, Sterling Elementary, Martin Warren, Ridge View, and Maple Grove. Aerin said the tile boards will be hung downtown.

Events Planning-Ray said he did not recall this group being called the Events Planning Group. He thought it was the Events Committee. Laura said it was voted on and approved to name it the Events Committee.

Ray said he would like to present the Lunch and Learn Lecture Series, a Recognition of Karen Carter for the gift of Mr. Carter's sculptures, and the Poet Festival. Laura said because of time constraints, the commission will only have time to discuss one of his items. A special meeting will be held to discuss the others.

Ray explained the Poetry Festival April 24 and April 25, 2020. There was discussion of Ray's proposed budget. A special meeting will be held to further discuss this request.

Cindy B. said there has been discussion of whether old stage equipment should be stored or

disposed of. She said they could be donated stored or donated, and Ellie said she may know of someone interested in the equipment.

Laura said Gary Grigsby said the Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies (M.A.C.A.A.) will be holding their conference in Columbia on April 6 and 7, 2020. Ray said he would like to attend.

Laura said Christian Cutler would like all the sculptures he has at the UCM Art Gallery to be picked up by March 15. Laura said she would like to have March 10 as the goal date to have them removed, at the latest.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Cindy Gabel, City staff liaison

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Present were: Jay Linhardt, Aerin Sentgeorge, Ellie Schmutz, Ray Crisp, Cindy Bechtol, Scott Holmberg, City Council representative, and Laura Lockhart. Absent: Stephanie Sekelsky.

Establish Quorum

A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda

There was a motion to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

Storage

Laura said this meeting is to discuss several items from the March 2, 2020, Arts Commission meeting.

Laura said the Arts Commission's possessions that are currently at Christian Cutler's office at UCM need to be removed by March 15, 2020. Ellie said Jim Duncan who owns the Music Studio, will store the pieces. She said he would also like to join the Community Theatre Committee. Ray said Gary Grigsby will let the commission store at his place for \$200-300 per month.

There was also discussion of moving the pianos in the City-owned building on West Culton Street. Scott said possible the City could move the pianos, and that he knows from speaking with City Manager Harold Stewart that two the pianos have been committed to organizations. Ray moved to accept Jim Duncan's offer to provide a storage area for the Arts Commission collection on Young Street. Yes: Jay, Aerin, Ellie, Ray, Cindy B., and Laura. No: none. Carried unanimously.

JC Carter Sculpture Storage

Laura said she would like to speak with Aerin later about Cindy B's idea about the JC Carter Sculptures.

Proposals by Events Planning Committee

There was discussion of the Events Planning Committee proposals. Ray explained the poetry festival budget request for \$825, with a customary honorarium of \$100 per day. Ray said will be staying at his house so there will no charges per day for lodging, but there will be a charge for meals. Ray would like to request \$500 for travel and meals and the honorarium.

Scott asked if these items have been budgeted, and Ray said no. There was discussion of the request and the need to have prior discussions of requests. Laura said she thinks this is a great event, but she is frustrated because it was planned prior to receiving approval. Laura said she is not comfortable with the accuracy of the requested budget numbers.

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said she is not confident in the accuracy of the budget numbers.

Ray said he would like to propose to fund this project for \$500 and allow him to submit the newspaper article to the Star Journal so the article would say the Arts Commission is either funding or sponsoring this event. Laura said it is unacceptable for Ray to be submitting article prior to board approval. Ray said because of the negative feelings about his proposal, he would like someone else to make the motion. To clarify, Ray said he would like funding of \$500 to allow the Arts Commission to bring the Poet Laureate to Warrensburg for 2 days. Laura moved to approve this request. Yes: Jay, Aerin, Ellie, Ray, Cindy B., and Laura. No: none. Carried unanimously.

Ray said he will take care of transporting the sculptures.


Scott said it is best to mention funding requests during the budgeting process each year. There was discussion of the JC Carter Sculptures. Ray reviewed the expenses, and said some items, like the tables, will be provided by the American Legion. Laura asked about the importance of this request. Ray said it is important to show appreciation for a gift, and it may encourage others to give. Scott asked who would be presenting the plaque, and Ray said he hoped the Mayor.

Since most on the commission are not available during the day, a Council meeting might be the best time to make this presentation. Aerin asked Ray who gave him the estimate for the pedestals, and Ray said someone from Higginsville. Aerin moved to approve as written. Yes: Ray. No: Jay, Aerin, Ellie, Cindy B., and Laura. Motion failed. Aerin said the proposal needs to be tweaked a bit. The next item for discussion was the Speaker Series, but Ray said he wanted to withdraw his request.

Cindy B. asked about fine-tuning the proposals before coming to the commission. Laura said that will work-then the item could be discussed at the next meeting.

There was discussion of complying with the Sunshine Law and adding items on the agenda.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Cindy Gabel, City staff liaison

WARRENSBURG ARTS COMMISSION
Monday, May 4, 2020
Via Zoom

Call to Order

A meeting of the Warrensburg Arts Commission was held on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom on-line with Chairman Laura Lockhart presiding

Present were: Jay Linhardt, Aerin Sentgeorge, Stephanie Sekelsky, Ellie Schmutz, Cindy Bechtol (arrived later during the meeting), Allison Robbins, and Laura Lockhart. Absent: City Council representative Scott Holmberg.

Establish Quorum

A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda

Stephanie moved to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the two March meetings will be presented at the next meeting.

Introduction of new commissioner, Allison Robbins

Allison said she teaches at the University of Central Missouri (UCM). She said her family has always been involved in the arts, and she would like to serve the community.

Guests/visitors

Jill Purvis, Executive Director of Main Street, said at their March meeting, they voted to have a liaison to the Arts Commission. She said the board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. Jill said they currently have ten members and three ex-officio members. She said they are wanting to focus on adding the arts to the downtown. Jill said she is wanting to apply for a grant to help with the downtown arts projects.

Paige Grison said she would like to serve the community and is interested in marketing.

Sarah Chamberlain from the Marketing Department at UCM said she has also joined the Arts Commission Marketing committee.

Finance/Budget Report

Stephanie reported the current balance is \$19,892.00.

Updates on Programs

KOKO Radio Schedule

Laura said the next scheduled time for the Arts Commission is Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. Ellie suggested different people sign-up for a variety of topics on the programs. Ellie said she will send a word document for those who want to sign-up.

Chair Updates

Laura said she would like to combine Performing Arts and Events Planning to one committee, the Events Committee.

Process/Motion to reorganize committees for clarity

Ellie moved to approve the combination of the two committees; carried unanimously.

Funding Requests

Laura said because of the recent events due to COVID-19, the Arts Commission may not receive funding this fiscal year. There was discussion of a presentation by an Arts Commission member at a City Council meeting, or the annual budget retreat, so they will be aware of the role of the Arts Commission.

Marketing/Publicity

Ellie said she is excited about the new members on the marketing committee and said they will be meeting next week. She said they will be brainstorming because of COVID-19.

Arts in Public Places

Aerin said she would be the Arts Commission liaison to Main Street.

Aerin said she is the only member of Arts in Public Place, so please let her know if you would like to help. Aerin said she is going to reach out to Christian Cutler because he has a lot of knowledge as the UCM Gallery Director.

Performing Arts

Jay said he needs more people on his committee.

Unfinished Business

Laura said the commission needs to know what the Arts Commission owns or does not own for insurance purposes. She said at this time the inventory is not known.

Downtown Vibrations

Laura said she is mainly hearing that there is no need for repairs at this time. It was suggested it should be checked after the upcoming winter. Laura said future maintenance should be discussed.

Storage for Public Art and Theatre Inventory

Laura said Ellie had shared with the commission that Jim Duncan has moved and no longer has storage space available.

JC Carter Sculpture Display

Laura said the commission had been in favor of letting businesses display the sculptures. Jill will talk with Aerin about displaying them downtown. A scavenger hunt was discussed to promote the sculptures. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Rotating Sculpture Display and Empty Pads APP

Laura said she has had some comments from people who are missing the art displays. Laura mentioned some of the JC Carter displays could be used in places where the displays were removed.

New Business/Proposals

Cindy B. said a form has been developed that can be used for tax purposes for donations. This information will be added to the google drive.

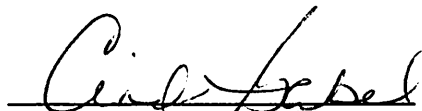
Other Business/Action

Aerin asked if the JC Carter sculptures were moved from the UCM Art Gallery. Aerin will check with Christian.

Since Stephanie is moving and will no longer be on the committee, Allison will talk with her about the budget committee to see if she would be interested in serving on this committee.

Laura said she would like to review the ordinances describing the Arts Commission. She said she would like all the commissioners to think of what it means to them and create a mission statement for the community. Laura said to look at what is working and what is lacking. Laura said the mission statement could be presented to the City Council.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Cindy Gabel, City staff liaison

WARRENSBURG ARTS COMMISSION
Monday, June 1, 2020
Via Zoom

Call to Order

A meeting of the Warrensburg Arts Commission was held on Monday, June 1, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom on-line with Chairman Laura Lockhart presiding

Present were: Aerin Sentgeorge, Cindy Bechtol, Scott Holmberg, Allison Robbins, and Laura Lockhart. Absent: Jay Linhardt, Ellie Schmutz, and Stephanie Sekelsky.

Establish Quorum

A quorum was not established.

Introduction of Visitors

Jill Purvis, Executive Director of Main Street, said Main Street is working on a mural by the old downtown County Jail. She said paint by number has been discussed, and a request for approval has been submitted to the Johnson County Commissioners. Jill said they are hoping to begin work in July. She said they are also working on painting the staircases, and other projects will continue throughout the year.

Updates on Programs

KOKO Radio Schedule

Laura was the next scheduled program is Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. Laura will contact Ellie since she was not available for today's meeting.

Arts in Public Places

Aerin said she has asked Christian Cutler to be on the APP Committee because of his knowledge, but she has not heard back from him.

There was discussion of the application process for the JC Carter Sculptures and possibly organizing a scavenger hunt.


There was also discussion of the amount of storage needed for the sculptures and other artwork. Laura said she can store some pieces at her home. Laura asked about legal issues of storing at her home and Cindy G. will check with the City Counselor. Cindy B. also asked about storage of some theatre items. Allison suggested checking on the price of storage units, and she will check on costs.

Cindy B. said there has been some discussion of organizing a drive-thru theatre. She will follow-up on this idea.

Commission Position Available

With Stephanie Sekelsky moving from the area, there will be notification of this open position.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Cindy Gabel / City staff liaison