

Arts Commission  
February 23, 2022  
Community Development Conference Room  
City Hall  
Meeting Minutes

### **Meeting Attendees**

- Voting Members: Sue Kraus, Allison Robbins, Sarah Chamberlin (on phone), Steve Carter
- Absent: Jay Lindhart, Amanda Saleh, Cindy Bechtol
- Ex-Officio: Marcella McCoy
- Guests: Madison Day and her grandfather Jerry

### **Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum**

- Meeting called to order at 4:09 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

### **Approval of Agenda (Motion/Discussion)**

- Sue moved to approve the agenda, Steve seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes (Motion/Discussion)**

- Sue moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting, Sarah seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Introduction of guests/visitors**

- Madison Day, an Art Major at State Fair College, attended the meeting to observe and ask questions for one of her classes. She was joined by her grandfather.

### **Tablecloth Purchase**

- Sue brought the Arts Commission tablecloth ordered and purchased after the last meeting. Marcella will keep the tablecloth on city property, and commissioners will need to plan ahead in order to use it at events this spring and summer.

### **Updates from the City**

- The Commission welcomed Steve Carter as a commissioner. Allison asked that he send her a photo, so that his appointment could be announced on the Arts Commission Facebook page.
- Marcella noted that the city is currently working on the audit, which includes organizing the timeline for the budget cover. The participants and photos will be selected by May, with the Arts Commission taking part as needed.
- Marcella reminded the Commission that their budget request would be due by May, and she is happy to include a current budget report at subsequent meetings. Allison noted that a budget update would be useful for the March and April meetings, as the Commission finalizes their budget request for FY23.

### **WAC Grants**

- Sarah has completed the branding for the grant applications and guidelines. The Commission will look at those materials at the next meeting. In the meantime, Allison will

work with Marcella to upload the new documents. Community members can still submit grants using the old forms until the new documents are on the website.

- Allison asked Marcella about the city process regarding the awarding of Arts Commission grants, as at the last City Council meeting, the grant awarded to Alex Smith was discussed. Marcella explained that it was a simple resolution aimed at increasing transparency and communication between the Council and the Commission.

### **Art in Public Places**

Allison distributed a list of possible public art projects, drawing from the Commission's previous discussions, ideas gathered from Warrensburg citizens, and past projects considered by other Commissioners. The Commission brainstormed projects for FY23, with the goal of having those projects in place by the budget request submission in May. The projects that received the most conversation included:

- *Mule Project*: Sue described seeing a new art installation near the Old Glory gas station, which features a metal silhouette of a dog. She will talk to the person who purchased and/or made the art to see if a mule silhouette would be possible. Allison suggested that, if reasonably priced, the Commission might seek installing 50 mules around town, given the recent Guinness Book of World Record activity. Sarah noted that this kind of project could **not** be marketed with the Guinness name, given the contracts that the organization requires.
- *Grain Elevator*: Allison noted that she had contact information for the owner and manager of the grain elevator in town. The Commission briefly discussed possible projects with the building (a mule train mural). They agreed to reach out to Jeff Imboden to see if he had any information on past ideas for that building. Any project would, of course, need to be proposed to and approved by the owner of the building.
- *Flower Boxes and Stain Glass Project*: Steve described his ideas for adding more installations to the flower box and bed project near UMB Bank downtown, near the railroad tracks. His current project includes adding flowers and stain-glass pieces to the existing boxes. He proposed adding more height to the project with additional pieces that created a "fence" of sorts. Stain-glass panels could include a sunflower or bumblebee; the installations could be moved and also swapped out for seasonal designs. Later, the Commission noted that stain-glass installations might also be installed in other pathways around town, like at Lion's Lake. Sue recommended that the master gardeners organization be contacted for help with the flowers.
- *Dancer Mobile*: Steve described his idea for a 2- to 5-foot mobile made of silver wire installed on a welded frame. The idea would be to create a piece of art that moves, simulating a dancer.
- *Art Crawl*: Sarah proposed an art crawl event that involved many pieces of public art in Warrensburg. This event could be used to promote existing art and any new projects developed by the Commission.
- *Paper Airplanes*: Steve proposed an event in which people in Warrensburg were invited to decorate and design large paper airplanes, using some existing paper that he has access to. Prizes for best designs could be awarded. The Aviation Department at UCM could be invited to participate.
- *Rack Card*: Sarah proposed working on the rack card idea, originally proposed by Christian Cutler, as it would offer the Commission a chance to promote existing art in Warrensburg.

### **Maintenance of current Art in Public Places**

- Allison gave a short overview of the existing public art works in the City that the Commission has some role in maintaining. The information she presented is a summary gathered by past commissioners. Warrensburg Parks and Recreation is currently listed as maintaining several sculptures around town, but it is not clear if that is happening.
- Marcella noted that there is a new maintenance employee starting at Parks and Rec on Monday. She suggested talking with him once he has settled into the new job.
- In the meantime, Allison suggested looking at the two public art projects that are **not** listed as linked to Parks and Rec: the Downtown Vibrations concrete project on Pine Street and the Hard Moon Rising sculpture in front of City Hall. She suggested focusing on these two works for Warrensburg Main Street's "Clean the Burg" week, which takes place April 21-28.

### **Third Wednesday Art Walks**

- Warrensburg Main Street is currently encouraging sign-ups for the Art Walks beginning in April. Allison asked Commissioners to check their calendars for the listed dates: April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, and September 21. At the next meeting, commissioners can volunteer to work the Arts Commission on the days they are available, and Allison will register the Commission for those dates.

### **Next Meeting – March date**

- Commission members agreed on March 23, 4:00-5:00pm, for the next meeting. In-person attendees will meet in the CD Conference Room at City Hall. A Zoom option will also be available.

### **Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.