

**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 bobbers 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