

Arts Commission
May 10, 2022
Community Development Conference Room
City Hall
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendees

- Voting Members: Sue Kraus, Allison Robbins, Steve Carter, Sarah Chamberlin (phone/Zoom)
- Absent: Jay Lindhart, Hannah Clark, Cindy Bechtol
- Ex-Officio: Marcella McCoy,
- Guests: Jill Purvis and Jamie DeBacker (on Zoom)

Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum

- Meeting called to order at 4:13 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda (Motion/Discussion)

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

Approval of Minutes (Motion/Discussion)

- Sue moved to approve the minutes from the March meeting, Sarah seconded, and the motion carried with three aye votes and one abstention.

Introduction of guests/visitors

- Jamie DeBacker and Jill Purvis from Warrensburg Main Street attended on Zoom in order to propose the Tile Art Project for City approval. Jill gave a brief overview of the project, which was initiated by the City and involved a past tile project by the Arts Commission, United Way, and Warrensburg schools. Commissioners had already received a description of the project before the meeting.
- Sue asked about Main Street's Art Committee. Jill said the committee was formed in 2019, and that it met about three times a year. Past commissioner Aerin Sentgeorge served on the Art Committee. Current commissioner Hannah Clark is on the Art Committee.
- Sue motioned to approve the project, Steve seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Allison will add the art project to the list of art maintenance, with Main Street as the responsible party. Allison will work with Marcella to ensure the project proposal was on the next City Council agenda.

Art in Public Places

- Commissioners discussed a quote from Concrete Ink for repainting and resealing Downtown Vibrations. Work samples provided by Tim Dykeman had been distributed before the meeting, and Allison provided feedback from two reference calls. Commissioners discussed the average annual cost of Downtown Vibrations. Steve described ways that the re-painting and re-sealing could be done at a lower price, but that would likely involve pro-bono work by him and longterm planning regarding storing and maintaining the paint and sealant. Commissioners had questions about the life expectancy of the work as well as if Concrete Ink would provide a warranty of sorts for 2-3 years on the work, with a preference

for 5 years. If those conditions could be met, Commissioners agreed they should be written into the contract. Sue motioned to approve the quote, provided the above conditions could be met. Steve seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Allison will follow up with Tim, and the Commission's expectations could be met, she will provide Marcella with all necessary information so that a contract could be initiated. Concrete Ink would not be paid in advance and would be expected to provide an invoice at project's completion.

Budget Request for FY23

Commissioners discussed expenditures and revenues for FY23. Allison provided an overview of the draft budget request distributed for the meeting.

- Steve noted that the amount budgeted for program supplies would be sufficient for the paper airplane project he proposed. He noted that Big Brothers and Big Sisters was very interested collaborating on the project. He had also reached out to the Aviation Department at UCM, who indicated that their student organizations might be interested in participating.
- Commissioners discussed not allocating specific funds for Community Theater. Given that the Arts Grants no longer have a maximum amount indicated, Allison noted that Community Theater would be welcome to submit a grant for an amount more in line with funding approved on past budget requests.
- Steve noted that costs for an 8-foot table were relatively expensive, so the Commission agreed to increase the marketing costs to \$600.00.
- With that adjustment, Steve moved to approve the budget request, Sue seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Allison will send approved numbers to Marcella.

Third Wednesday Art Walks

- For the May 18 art walk, Sue will set up the Arts Commission table and also serve as the featured artist. Allison gave her materials for the table, as well as the tablecloth. Allison will forward all organizing emails from Warrensburg Main Street to Sue.

Old Drum Day – June 11

Commissioners discussed possibilities for an Arts Commission booth at Old Drum Day. Allison described a "Paint With Your Pet" event she read about online. Sarah mentioned how the shelter in town had discussed a painting initiative with animals up for adoption. Steve noted he had supplies that would be of help, including sheets of plastic and paints. Allison and Sue noted the possibility of having a charge of \$3.00 per painting, which would generate some revenue for the Commission. Options for the event include having dogs use paws to make art; having dogs lick paint in place through a plastic bag smeared with peanut butter; and having dogs smear peanut butter on a canvas which their owners then paint. Allison argued for donations, so that no costs would be necessary. Details will be finalized over email (assuming the City Clerk agrees this is advisable) and at the next meeting.

Next Meeting – June date

- Commissioners discussed the difficulty of changing the meeting date and time and will settle on a regular meeting at the June meeting. Commission members agreed on Friday, June 10, 3:00-4:00pm, 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 5:10 p.m.