

Arts Commission

March 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Via Zoom

Meeting Attendees

- Voting Members: Eleanore Eye, Sarah Chamberlin, Allison Robbins, Laura Lockhart,
- Absent: Cindy Bechtol, Jay Linhardt
- Ex-Officio: Mason Floyd
- Guests: Terry Vair, Impact Arts

Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum

- Meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda (Motion/ Discussion)

- Eleanore moved to approve the agenda, Sarah seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes (Motion/ Discussion)

- Eleanore moved to approve the November and February minutes, Sarah seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of guests/visitors

- Terry Vair, Impact Arts
- Terry discussed the new performing arts center being planned in Warrensburg. He shared his history and how it led to him working with Impact Arts. The organization will operate as a public-private partnership to build and maintain the performance center. The 800-seat center will also have meeting rooms available and will be community oriented, with regional use as well. Impact Arts has already had discussions with local groups to perform at the center. Allison asked if meeting rooms will be free or rented; Terry said operations will largely be paid for by rental fees. Center Stage Academy will be the building's main tenant. Terry shared the organization's website link for more information: www.impact-arts.org. Allison suggested the organization table at the Art Walk. Eleanore suggested the Commission follows up with Terry after the April Art Walk.

Elect a new secretary

- Allison nominated Eleanore for secretary. Eleanore accepted nomination, Sarah seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Finance/Budget report - Finance Report, Allison Robbins and Mason Floyd

- Allison announced that there are no new financial updates since the last meeting.
- Mason shared the financial considerations from the City's perspective. The Commission currently does not have an approved budget nor any potential revenue streams. The currently proposed budget involves spending more than is currently in the Art Fund. Mason suggested the

Commission begin thinking about what to cut from proposed budget or how to generate revenue through tickets, donations, merchandise sales, etc.

- Laura shared that she does not feel the Commission should be in the business of selling entrance tickets or asking for money to enjoy their events. The Commission members largely agreed with this sentiment.

Chair Update, Laura

- Laura announced that she would be resigning from the Commission once the current vacancy was filled. Other than that, she had no additional updates.

Committees/Task Groups Updates

1. April Art Walk

- Laura expressed that it may be easier for her to plan for and organize the April Art Walk to ensure it gets off the ground. After that, she will share any documents or best practices with the Commission to ensure continuity.

2. JC Carter Scavenger Hunt

- The members discussed the future of the JC Carter scavenger hunt. Given the discussions at the meeting, it was determined it may not happen in March or April as planned. Discussions to kick-off the scavenger hunt at the May Art Walk were had, but no action was taken.

3. Warrensburg Community Theater Cindy Bechtol

- Cindy was not in attendance, so no update was made on this matter.

Other Business/Action

- The Commission members discussed the applications received to fill the current vacancy. Mason shared that they are not responsible for deciding who will be appointed but they are allowed to discuss and make a recommendation to the mayor. All applicants were discussed and a recommendation was decided upon to be shared.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.