

Arts Commission  
September 19, 2022  
Southeast Conference Room  
City Hall  
Meeting Minutes

### **Meeting Attendees**

- Voting Members: Sue Kraus (on Zoom), Allison Robbins, Steve Carter, Sarah Chamberlin, Hannah Clark
- Absent: Jay Lindhart, Cindy Bechtol
- Ex-Officio: Marcella McCoy, Eddie Osborne

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

Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

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

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

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

Sarah moved to approve the minutes from the July meeting, Hannah seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Updates from the City and Chair**

Marcella presented an overview of the Arts Commission budget and expenses from FY22, which is almost complete. Currently, the Commission has \$18,601.98 in its account, following revenue of interest and donations. By the end of the fiscal year, another \$2,800 will be subtracted from the balance in order to pay for the restaining of “Downtown Vibrations.” The budget for FY23 will be entered in October; City Council has already approved this budget, and the Arts Commission will have funds to work with. The Commission still lacks a revenue stream, given that no above-ground construction projects are planned by the City.

Allison gave an update on the “Downtown Vibrations” re-staining project completed by Tim Dykman. Commissioners commented that it looked good. Marcella will issue payment to Tim following some final paperwork.

Sarah gave an update on the trifold. Laserprint has changed suppliers and will submit a purchase order to Marcy Barnhart for payment. Timeline to completion is not definite, but Sarah is hoping for October.

### **Kindness Yard Art Project**

Eddie gave an overview of his proposed Kindness Project, which will correspond with World Kindness Day on November 13. The Commission discussed how to help promote the project and organize submissions from participants. Eddie and Sarah will work together to create a Facebook Page for the project and a date-specific Event that can be shared widely. Participants can submit their Kindness entry for sharing on the Page itself. The Page will also be a place for inspirational quotes and songs about kindness. The Page and Event can be shared with community Facebook groups, and Eddie continues to do outreach with different community organizations.

The Commission settled on the following timeline:

- **October 3:** Launch Kindness Facebook Page.
- **October 8:** Provide information about Kindness project at City booth at Burgfest.
- **November 6:** Submission deadline for projects (although projects can be submitted on a rolling basis)
- **November 13:** World Kindness Day – community members encouraged to drive around town in search of yard art.

The Commission also discussed the possibility of providing art supplies at an event to kickstart the participation. Steve offered to bring supplies. The Commission discussed upcoming events as possibilities. With the art walks and farmers' market closing for the season, BurgFest seemed like the most likely contender. Allison will reach out to Jamie DeBacker to see if there is space available, beyond the City booth.

### **Third Wednesday Art Walks**

Sarah and Allison will man the Arts Commission booth at the final art walk of the season on September 21. Sarah will create and print a small flier that promotes the upcoming Kindness Project.

### **Role and Function of Commission**

Commissioners discussed the role and function of the Commission. Commissioners expressed frustration on 1) the length of meetings being too short and not allowing for socializing amongst commissioners; 2) the lack of a clear purpose of the Commission; and 3) the lack of accomplishments over the past year. Commissioners expressed an interest in facilitating art for the community but noted that the place where the Commission work ends and the public's work begins is not always clear. There was also discussion about strengthening communication with City Council.

Given the work on the Kindness Project, which will continue into November, Allison suggested finding time for a longer work session (similar to what City Council does) at the end of the year. But for the next meeting, each Commissioner should bring in three priorities for the Commission, so that the discussion regarding the Commission's purpose could continue.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on October 17 at 5:00pm. In-person attendees will meet in the Southeast Conference Room at City Hall. A Zoom option will also be available.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.