

Warrensburg Arts Commission
October 17, 2022
Southeast Conference Room, City Hall
102 S. Holden Street, Warrensburg, MO 64093
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendees

- Voting Members: Sue Kraus, Allison Robbins, Steve Carter, Sarah Chamberlin
- Absent: Hannah Clark, Cindy Bechtol
- Ex-Officio: Marcella McCoy

Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum

Meeting called to order at 5:02 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)

Steve moved to approve the minutes from the September meeting, Sue seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Updates

Marcella reported that the FY23 budget is active as of October 1. Jay Lindhart was removed as a commissioner at a previous City Council meeting. The Commission is currently short one commissioner and is lacking representation from the school district. All commissioners are encouraged to reach out to contacts in the school district. Sarah noted that a person with knowledge of K-6 grades would be particularly useful.

Allison apologized for not organizing Commission support at BurgFest.

Warrensburg Arts Trifold

Sarah reported that the Arts Trifold has been printed and looks great.

Kindness Art Project

Sarah and Eddie have continued to send organizational emails. Sarah is working on a banner for the Facebook event page and will send the graphic to Eddie. Allison will reach out to Eddie to ensure that the Arts Commission Facebook page shares any relevant information.

Paper Airplane Event

Steve reported that he was continuing to explore options on the paper airplane event, which will likely take place in the late spring or summer. Commissioners brainstormed ideas for the event including:

- Planning it to correspond with Old Drum Day in June (flying contest could take place on the closed off street and airplanes could include cut out of Old Drum).
- Planning it to correspond with the opening of the new terminal at the Sky Haven airport.
- Creating several events that are 'plane themed.'

Role and Function of the Commission

Each Commissioner shared three priorities they had for the Arts Commission, and discussion ensued. Collectively, the priorities included the following:

- Promoting local arts events
- Administering grants
- Generating income to replenish available funds
- Establishing officers and responsibilities
- Specifying the minimum number and type of events that the Commission oversees
- Educating the public about what the Commission is
- Creating spaces and opportunities for artists to make art locally
- Bringing art education to town and making it accessible
- Partnering with existing non-profits and service organizations
- Maintaining current publicly owned art in the City
- Creating clear by-laws and processes for a future 1% for the Arts

More specific ideas that were brainstormed during this discussion included:

- Creating a pop-up space for artists at Dickens Christmas on December 3
- Having a silent auction of local art at Dickens Christmas to generate income
- Funding “incubator spaces” for artists to work
- Using the community center more strategically, given that the space is available to the WAC
- Posting “photo of the week” on the WAC Facebook page
- Creating a calendar of events for Commission planning and thinking in terms of ‘quarters’
- Overseeing a calendar of arts events in the area
- Thinking more actively about accessibility and public art
- Having t-shirts made with a QR code
- Updating and posting grant forms for FY23

For the next meeting, Commissioners are encouraged to find possible art items for auction at Dickens Christmas.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 14, from 5:00-6:00pm. 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.