

**March 21, 2023
Commission for the Arts
Royal Oak City Hall, Room 122
203 S. Troy Steet
7:30 PM – Regular Meeting
Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:36pm.

Members present: CFA Chair Jason Gittinger, Jodie Ellison, Denise Reske, Melissa Behring, Laura Bonnell, Alesha Beistline.

Members not present: Commissioner Pat Paruch.

Others Present: Jeremy Peckens, City Manager Fellow; Susan Barkman, Assistant to the City Manager; Jim Ellison.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve March 21st agenda, 2023.

Motion by Jodie Ellison.

Seconded by Denise Reske.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Approved unanimously Approval of Minutes – [February 20th meeting minutes](#).

Motion to approve of minutes February 20th meeting minutes.

Motion by Laura Bonnell.

Seconded by Alesha Beistline.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. New Business

A. Deb Burr White Covered Bowl

Talked about how the bowl we received was not the bowl that was proposed in the picture. Commission for the Arts is looking for staff to explore what happened.

6. Old Business:

A. Mexican Consulate art exhibit update.

Staff gave an update on the art exhibit and how we were able to pass this project along to the Royal Oak Oakland Community College Campus.

7. Subcommittee/Program Reports

A. Artist laureate

Staff provided an update about advertising and will inform the Commission when the first post is live so they can also share with their network.

8. General Announcements:

A. Budget Update

Commission had a discussion on the remaining budget that has been allocated for them in 2022-2023.

B. Piano project

Chair Jason Gittinger gave an update that we have the pianos at the warehouse and broke down some cost of materials that will be needed to be purchased. Reminded everyone that Saturday May 20th we will be painting the donated pianos either at a stand along event or potential larger event. Staff will look into some city owned spaces and work with DDA, economic development department to see if they have any potential locations.

Motion to approve a \$500 purchase of art supplies.

Motion by Denise Reske.

Second by Laura Bonnell.

9. Social Media.

Artist laureate will be posted this week and Sharing the Warmth will be warping up weather depending.

10. Adjournment at 8:02pm

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Alesha Beistline.

Seconded by Mellissa Behring.

Motion passed unanimously.