

**April 17, 2023
Commission for the Arts
Royal Oak City Hall, Room 122
203 S. Troy Steet
7:30 PM – Regular Meeting
Minutes - Approved**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm.

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; Caitlyn Williams, Artist/Muralist; Mike Conrad; Jim Ellison.

2. Public Comment

Mike Conrad.

Presented an idea to the city through Judy Davids and came here to look for support. Once a month fill some corners of the streets with local buskers. This would be in selected sites with 6-8 buskers.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve an amend April 17 agenda, 2023 to add presentation by Artist/Muralist Caitlyn Williams and Mike Conrad.

Motion by Alesha Beistline.

Seconded by Melissa Behring.

Motion passes unanimously.

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

Motion to approve of minutes March 20th meeting minutes.

Motion by Denise Reske.

Seconded by Laura Bonnell.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. New Business.

A. Art walk.

Royal Oak Arts Council came to talk about getting support for an art walk in Royal Oak for August 11th 5-8pm. The Royal Oak Arts Council met with the DDA marketing group. The Arts Council shared some ideas they had for this year's art walk pilot and looking to do this yearly moving forward. The Commission for the Arts and the Royal Oak Arts Council talked about different ideas for the event and different ways to fund portions of the event.

Motion for the Commission for the Arts to support and assist the Royal Oak Arts Council to our ability.

Motion by Jodie Ellison

Second by Laura Bonnell

Motion passes unanimously.

B. Presentation by Caitlyn Williams to talk about mural.

Presentation by Caitlyn Williams about the mural located at 118 north Washington, Royal Oak.

Motion to approve mural as is.

Motion by Alesha Beistline.

Second by Jodie Ellison.

Motion passes unanimously.

C. Presentation by Mike Conrad to talk about busking.

Mike Conrad talked about different ideas he had for busking throughout the summer, this be structured as much as possible.

Commission for the Arts discussed with Mike Conrad different details and ideas for this potential recurring event.

Motion for the Commission for the Arts to encourage Mike Conrad to a non-amplified evening of live music following all city ordinances.

Motion by Melissa Behring.

Second by Denise Reske.

Motion passes unanimously.

6. Old Business:

A. Piano Project update.

Chair Jason G gave an update for the piano project.

Motion to approve the purchase of plaques 8 for the pianos not to exceed \$3,000.

Motion by Alesha Beistline.

Seconded Jodie Ellison.

B. Considering Evolution update.

Jeremy Peckens gave an update.

Motion to approve the purchase of half of the appraisal up to \$500.

Motion by Alesha Beistline

Second by Denise Reske

Motion passes 5-1

7. Subcommittee/Program Reports

A. Artist laureate Update.

Jeremy gave an update for the artist laureate program; an extension of the application process will continue to encourage more applications.

8. General Announcements:

A. Jeremy's Last Meeting.

Commission for the Arts thanked Jeremy for his time working with this group.

9. Social Media.

Pushing the artist laureate program.

10. Adjournment at pm

Motion to adjourn 9:02pm.

Motion by Jodie Ellison.

Seconded by Denise Reske.

Motion passed unanimously.