

**September 19, 2022  
Commission for the Arts  
Royal Oak City Hall, Room 122  
203 S. Troy Steet  
7:30 PM – Regular Meeting  
Agenda**

*The primary goal of the commission is to encourage and promote arts and culture in the community. The City of Royal Oak recognizes the importance of arts and culture to a vibrant, healthy, and sustainable community. The city strives to promote and encourage arts and culture through the public and private display of art.*

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:31.

Members present: CFA Chair Jason Gittinger, Jodie Ellison, Commissioner Pat Paruch, Laura Bonnell, Denise Reske.

Members Absent: Alesha Beistline, Melissa Behring.

Others Present: Jeremy Peckens, city manager fellow; Judy Davis, Community Engagement Specialist; Sarah Hanscom, Pet Supplies plus representative; Austin Brantley, Artist.

**2. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve Agenda September 19, 2022.

Motion by Jodie Ellison.

Seconded by Pat Paruch.

Approved unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes – [August 15, 2022](#)**

Motion to approve August 15, 2022, meeting minutes.

Motion by Pat Paruch.

Seconded by Jodie.

Approved unanimously.

**5. New Business**

**A. [Public Mural](#)**

Sarah Hanscom is the general manager of pet supplies plus that is located in Woodward Ave. Sarah Received a phone call from local artist asking to paint a mural on the south side of the building. Artist presented himself as having gone through all the processes with the city for the approval of the mural event though this was not the case. Sarah was not aware that this was not

accurate information but proceeded with the rendering that the artist had sent over. Shortly after the rendering was sent to Sarah the artist started and completed the mural. Code enforcement contacted Sarah and informed her the proper procedure wasn't not taken for approval of the mural, Sarah contacted city staff and followed the proper avenues to amend the situation.

Motion to recommend the approval of the mural as presented on the application.

Motion by Jodie Ellison

Seconded by Denise Reske

**B. Update to park**

Judy Davids explains how the money the commission for the art gave has paid for the different renderings that Austin Brantley created. Judy went on to discuss a Michigan grant that will match half of the \$29,000 price tag for the bronze statue that Austin Brantley will create for the park. Austin Brantley was introduced to the commission for the Arts and expressed his excitement of the updates to the park as well as the privilege to be able to create the bronze sculpture for the city. Judy explained that the city engineers are currently creating renderings in order to apply for a county grant that will help pay for the major park remodeling. Discussion about basic fundraising and process moving forward as well as about what the commission of the arts is willing to donate to if the fundraising goal is not met.

**C. [Donation of House on the hill and Ben Jamin](#)**

Commission for the Arts members were informed that Steve Miller would like to donate his art piece Ben Jamin. Lisa Geodert has also expressed her desire to donate her art piece House on the Hill. If accepted both of these pieces of art will be added to the city's permanent collection and will continue to be displayed at their current locations.

Motion to recommend donation and location agreement.

Motion by Pat Paruch.

Second by Laura Bonnell.

**D. [Relicense of Quixotic Visions](#)**

Based on previous commission for the arts meeting discussions, city staff have reached out to David Petrakovitz asking if his piece Quixotic Visions could be relicensed for an additional year. The artist David Petrakovitz accepted the offer from the commission for the arts to relicense his piece of art. Quixotic Visions will continue to be displayed in its current location.

Motion to recommend the relicense agreement.

Motion by Pat Paruch.

Seconded by Denise Reske.

**E. [Assembly Line Deaccession](#)**

City staff had reached out to the artist of Assembly Line looking to relicense the piece for an additional year. The artist declined the city's offer for relicensing and requested his artwork be returned. With the approval of the commission for the art the city staff will begin the process of deaccessioning

of the art, in order to return the artwork to the original artist as per their request.

Motions to approve the deaccessioning process to begin.  
Motion by Pat Paruch.  
Second by Jodie Ellison.

#### **6. Old Business**

- A. Musicians/Entertainer loading zones.  
Staff gave an updated on some of the presented questions that were asked by the commission for the arts to the proper police personnel. The answers that were provided prompted further discussion b the commission for the arts about getting the DDA involved in order to brain storm ideas outside of what the answers police gave in the emails provided.

#### **7. Subcommittee/Program Report**

No subcommittee/Program report or discussion.

#### **8. General Announcements**

- A. The mural on the Advite credit union has changed.
  - i. Discussion took place on what the proper procedure is when an approved mural changed many years after initial approval. City staff is to look into current or new policy to for enforcement of changes in approved murals.
- B. Discussion proceeded about how the Commission for the Arts ensures that the rendered mural proposals that are submitted are accurately documented once the mural is completed.
  - i. City staff to look into new policy to have finished murals resubmitted to ensure that the finished product followed closely to the renderings that were approved. This would give finished documentation to code enforcement in case it changes happened in the future.
- C. Commission member brought up an ideal blank wall that could be improved by a mural.
  - i. tribune building has a blank wall that could be a good spot for a mural across from the loading dock.

#### **9. Social Media**

With “Sharing the warmth” program coming up in the next few months, posts to inform people of the program and the request for people who are willing to donate to start knitting

#### **10. Adjournment at 9:03pm**

Motion to adjourn by Pat Paruch.  
Seconded by Laura Bonnell.  
Approved Unanimously.  
October meeting will be held on the October 17th, 2022 at 7:30pm.