

Minutes - Approved

June 20, 2023
Commission for the Arts
Royal Oak City Hall, Room 122
203 S. Troy Street
7:30 PM – Regular Meeting

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

The Commission meeting was called to order at 7:32pm.

Present: Jodie Ellison, Denise Reske, Laura Bonnell, Melissa Behring, Alesha Beistline

Absent: Jason Gittinger and Pat Paruch

Also Present: Susan Barkman

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda

Motion by: Denise Reske

Seconded by: Laura Bonnell

Approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes – May 15th Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes as drafted.

Motion by: Melissa Behring

Seconded by: Alesha Beistline

Approved unanimously.

5. New Business

A. Artist Laureate Selection

The group discussed what they would like to see in next year's applications and process. After some brief discussion, staff will bring the application process to the group prior to the next cycle of application in the future.

The group discussed the applications and staff provided a clarification that the three nominated by the subcommittee were Matthew Harmon, Duane Harlick, and Roberta Brown. The group discussed each of these applications as well as the overall pool.

Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's office at 248-246-3050 at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting.

Staff reminded the group that we would get the commission approval and then look to detail out the project through a contract, which would go at a later point.

Motion: To recommend the city commission appoint Roberta Brown as the 2023-2024 Artist Laureate.

Motion by: Alesha Beistline

Seconded by: Denise Reske

Approved unanimously.

B. Art Explored Purchase – Quixotic Visions

Motion: To recommend the city commission approve the purchase agreement of Quixotic Visions.

Motion by: Melissa Behring

Seconded by: Alesha Beistline

Approved Unanimously.

6. Old Business

A. Budget Update

Staff provided a brief budget update that group will end the fiscal year under budget and starting a new year on July 1st.

7. Subcommittee/Program Reports

None.

8. General Announcements

A. Next Meeting – July 17th

Staff has a conflict with another board on July 17th and is requesting that the Commission for the Arts meets on July 18th if needed.

9. Social Media

Staff will work on highlighting the pianos, the purchase of Quixotic Visions, and summer concerts.

10. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn this meeting.

Motion by: Denise Reske

Seconded by: Melissa Behring

Approved Unanimously.