

**October 16, 2023
Commission for the Arts
Royal Oak City Hall, Room 122
203 S. Troy Street
7:30 PM – Regular Meeting
Minutes - Approved**

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 7:30pm
Members present: Denise Reske, Melissa Tobia, Alesha Beistline, Jason Gittinger, Jodie Ellison
Members not present: Laura Bonnell
Also present: Susan Barkman, Alayna Brasch
2. Public Comment
None.
3. Approval of Agenda
Motion: To approve and amend October 16, 2023, agenda to add Art Walk discussion with the two event coordinators
Motion by: Jodie Ellison
Seconded by: Alesha Beistline
Motion passes unanimously.
4. Approval of Minutes – [August 21st Meeting Minutes](#)
Motion: To approve of the minutes as drafted
Motion by: Denise Reske
Second by: Jodie Ellison
Approved unanimously.
5. New Business
 - A. Art Walk Endorsement Request
Motion: To support/encourage the Art Walk and funding for its musical performers
Motion by: Denise Reske
Seconded by: Jodie Ellison
Approved unanimously.
 - B. [Proposed Business Mural Application Request](#)
Those not in favor of approval believed the mural too closely resembled a commercial sign rather than an artistic image.
Motion: To not recommend approval
Motion by: Denise Reske
Second by: Jodie Ellison

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.

Opposed: Alesha Beistline

C. [Artist Laureate Contract](#)

Updates to the social media pages will be made to advertise the poetry workshop events with the artist laureate.

Motion: To approve

Motion by: Melissa Tobias

Second by: Jodie Ellison

Approved unanimously.

D. Budget Review/Changes

E. 2023-2024 Art Explored Application

6. Old Business

A. Hamer Finch Wilkins Update

7. Subcommittee/Program Reports

A. Piano project ending – will go around to collect before winter; have to figure out disposal.

8. General Announcements

A. Sharing the Warmth – will start by Veterans Day

Motion: To approve up to \$250 for supplies

Motion by: Jason Gittinger

Seconded by: Jodie Ellison

Approved unanimously.

B. Annual report to be completed by the end of year.

9. Social Media

10. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Jason Gittinger

Seconded by: Alesha Beistline

Approved unanimously.