

ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	Tuesday May 3, 2022
PLACE:	Zoom and Council Chambers
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	8:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

NAME	PRESENT	PRESENT (ARRIVED LATE)	ABSENT
John Ahearn	X		
Lauren Bakker-Arkema	X		
Marilynne Bradley	X		
Kathie Cahoon	X		
Beth Corelli	X		
Alex Elmestad		X	
Rob Longstreet	X		
Judith Mann			X
Patrick Murphy	X		
Jan Shapiro	X		

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Laura Arnold
Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Conrad

MURAL DISCUSSION

Douglas Miller and Councilmember Emerson Smith were present to discuss a proposed mural for Ivory Crockett Park. They have been working with a small community group and are seeking support from the Commission. They will present their proposal to the North Webster Neighborhood Coalition and the Commission. They are proposing mostly private funding for the mural. The potential to use the public art fund was discussed, as was using Webster Rock Hill Ministries. Mr. Elmestad stated that he just worked on an agreement for a similar project and can assist with a template. Mr. Miller and Mr. Smith stated that what they need from the Commission is input and a representative. Ms. Bradley has already been part of the small group working on the project, and will be the Commission rep.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Corelli, seconded by Ms. Shapiro, to approve the minutes of March 1, 2022

AYES: AHEARN, BAKKER, CAHOON, CORELLI, ELMESTAD, LONGSTREET, MURPHY, SHAPIRO

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: MANN

The March 1, 2022 minutes were approved.

POETRY MONTH - RECAP

Ms. Bakker stated that there were three events. She thanked Mr. Ahearn for his artwork, Ms. Corelli for her assistance with the Children's Poetry Workshop, and Ms. Conrad for

introducing the Poetry Reading at le Macaron. Tom Cooper with the Library and the folks at Le Macaron were thanked for their help as well. The children's workshop was well attended.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

Mr. Ahearn, Ms. Mann, and Mayor Arnold agreed to look into signs.

The Commission plans to make a decision for this year's Lifetime Achievement in the Arts recipient in June.

The Commission briefly discussed summer concerts, including a Burr Oak event.

Mr. Elmestad stated that he would like to propose using the Public Art Fund more for things like soliciting programs and projects.

Jenny Starkey, Director of Public Affairs and Engagement will be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss online art info and more.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.