

## ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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MEETING DATE: Tuesday July 5, 2022

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PLACE: Zoom and Council Chambers

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 8:08 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

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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  
Director of Public Affairs & Engagement Jenny Starkey

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms Bradley, seconded by Ms. Mann, to approve the minutes of June 7.

AYES: AHEARN, BRADLEY, CAHOON, MANN, MURPHY

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: BAKKER, CORELLI, ELMESTAD, LONGSTREET, SHARPIRO

The June 7, 2022, minutes were approved.

### NEW START TIME

Jenny Starkey raised the issue of starting the meetings at a slightly later time moving forward now that she is acting as the staff liaison for the Commission. Commission discussed starting at 8:30 rather than 8. This would work for the Commission. The new 8:30 time will begin in September. The August meeting will still begin at 8 a.m.

### BURR OAK CONCERT DISCUSSION

This year's Burr Oak concert will have a roots music theme and will be Friday, July 15. Ms. Cahoon asked for assistance with postering help for the event promotion. The Parks & Recreation staff have the posters. Mr. Murphy volunteered to help with some posters.

There will also be opportunities for event help if anyone is interested.

### **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS**

Joe Rath and Dan Warner will receive the 2022 Lifetime Achievement in the Arts recipients for their work on the Old Webster Jazz and Blues Festival.

Two potential event dates are Oct. 21 and Oct. 28. Jenny Starkey will see which of those dates is available for rental at the rec center. If there are any issues having it at the rec center, the event could be held at City Hall.

Mr. Murphy will get a photo of Joe Rath & Dan Warner for the invitation. Mr. Ahearn will design the invitation. Jenny Starkey will be able to create the award.

The budget for the event is \$500. This money will be used for food, wine, invitations and awards.

Ms. Cahoon suggested pulling together a playlist of jazz music for the background at the event.

There will be 3-4 speakers at the event.

### **SUMMER CONCERT**

Mr. Murphy will speak with Michael Silverman about the acts.

The City will pay for the restrooms.

Jenny and Mayor Arnold will look into whether this event requires a Special Activity Permit for barricades and trash cans.

### **MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES**

**SIGNAGE:** Signage for sculptures with QR codes could cost \$7630. \$1720 of that is installation. Mr. Ahearn will go to the company and find out if that could be removed if we were able to install them ourselves. Mayor Arnold will look into seeing what was budgeted in the past for this project and what amount of money is still available.

**SCULPTURE PARK:** The renaming of the Sculpture Park must be done by ordinance. Mayor Arnold said that if the Commission would like to move forward with this idea, submitting an official letter to Council will begin the process. The letter should include the exact name for the rename and some background information on Gerry Welch's history with the arts.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Mann, to send a letter asking Council to pass an ordinance to rename the Sculpture Garden the Gerry Welch Sculpture Garden.

**AYES:** AHEARN, CAHOON, LONGSTREET, MANN, MURPHY

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSENT:** BAKKER, BRADLEY, CORELLI, ELMESTAD, SHARPIRO

Ms. Mann will write a draft of the letter.

**PUBLIC ART FUND:** Mayor Arnold researched the public art fund and while there are no written rules on how to use the funding. There is probably about \$1700 in the fund. However, the Arts Commission is currently working beyond the scope of the ordinance that created the Arts Commission. The Boards & Commission subcommittee will redraft the ordinance and bring it to the Commission at a future meeting to update according to the work being done.

There is a spot on the website for people to donate to the fund. Ms. Cahoon suggested we promote the fund at the Lifetime Achievement in the Arts celebration.

The Public Art Fund is not a tax-deductible donation unless it was for something the City owns and will allow the public to use for an extended amount of time.

MURAL: There are no updates on the mural project. Working with a foundation to get funding. Ms. Bradley may have another mural project to update on in the future.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.