

## **ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE:	Tuesday August 2, 2022
PLACE:	Zoom and Council Chambers
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	8:08 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>PRESENT (ARRIVED LATE)</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
John Ahearn			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  
Asst. City Manager, Eric Peterson

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Mann, to approve the minutes of July.

AYES: BRADLEY, CAHOON, CORELLI, ELMESTAD, MANN, MURPHY, SHAPIRO

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: AHEARN, LONGSTREET

The July 5, 2022, minutes were approved.

### **BURR OAK CONCERT DISCUSSION**

Walter & Margo Park are present to help discuss the Burr Oak Roots concert. Walter thanked everyone for their hard work in the month of planning. He suggested planning a little earlier next year.

WORKED WELL: Everything worked really well. Next year's concert could possibly be world music or folk. We could also go back to baroque and switch it back and forth every other year.

TO IMPROVE: If we continue to do food trucks, offer an intermission for people to do that. We could begin earlier with Robust to offer wine sales. More time would allow us to navigate the legal hurdles with liquor permits. A temporary liquor license could be pulled a month in advance. We could negotiate with the vendor for a portion of the proceeds. Walter said that keeping number of food vendors small could be helpful in keeping it

simple. The load in area is very difficult and maybe come in from the baseball portion of the park. Sponsorships could help minimize the out-of-pocket costs.

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

October 28 room is booked at the Rec Complex. 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.

They will come up with addresses for the invitations along with 3-4 people who will speak about them. Mr. Murphy will get a photo of the two of them.

Jen Conrad has done the invitation in the past, but Jenny Starkey will be able to pull that together for this year. Invitations should go out by October 1.

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

### **MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES**

**PUBLIC ART FUND:** Current balance is 1392.02. If used for a public purpose, it is tax deductible. Mr. Murphy suggested having a meeting moving forward to discuss the fund and how/where it could be used. Mr. Elmestad asked if there was any regular money put into the account or has there been any discussion of the creation of an Arts taxing district. Mr. Peterson said there has not been. Mr. Murphy suggested meeting with the Council to discuss the possibility of going to the voters for a tax that supports the arts.

**MURAL PROJECT:** Mayor Arnold should have more of an update next month.

**PIANO FEST:** Pianos to be painted are in place now (Garden Café, Masonic Temple and DD Mau). Mr. Murphy said they've secured the stage, the musicians, and porta potties. Trash cans would be helpful along with access to the parking lot prior to the event. That lot is the Masons lot and they'd be able to give permission. He asked if we have any funding to offer as a thank you? Not likely based on cost of signage.

**SIGNAGE:** We need to look at our budget and figure out what we can afford to do regarding signage. Budget time begins in January and requests will be submitted to Council in April.

**SCULPTURE PARK:** Ms. Mann will draft a letter in the hopes of getting on a work session agenda in the fall. Most likely October but there is not a hard deadline.

**OPEN SPACES ON COMMISSION:** One person has applied for two open spots. Ms. Cahoon suggested asking Margo Park to apply. Ms. Mann suggested someone from North Webster, she will call Katherine DeHart and ask her. Webster Arts is also looking for a North Webster volunteer. Perhaps getting someone to serve on both would be helpful.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

