

ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	Tuesday, October 4, 2022
PLACE:	Zoom and Council Chambers
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

NAME	PRESENT	PRESENT (ARRIVED LATE)	ABSENT
John Ahearn	X		
Marilynne Bradley	X		
Kathie Cahoon	X		
Beth Corelli	X		
Alex Elmestad		X	
Dottie Englis	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 Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Bradley, to approve the minutes of August & September.

AYES: AHEARN, BRADLEY, CAHOON, CORELLI, ENGLIS, MURPHY, SHAPIRO

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: Elmestad, Longstreet & Mann

The minutes were approved.

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.

The event will be held on October 28.

Mr. Ahearn designed an invitation and also certificates. The release has been posted online and sent to Webster Kirkwood Times. We will print the invitations and send those out to Joe & Dan's invitees. We still need invitees from Dan Warner's list.

We have roughly \$500 for food and drink. Michael Silverman Gerry Welch and Patrick Murphy will give speeches for both. Mayor Arnold will serve as the emcee. Mr. Murphy and Ms. Cahoon will buy supplies. Ms. Shapiro will create a jazz playlist of music.

MISSION & GOALS OF ARTS COMMISSION

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Elmestad have met informally a few times to discuss what the mission of the Arts Commission should be because it's expanded over the past few years and is now almost indistinguishable from the Arts Foundation.

They discussed the possibility of going back to the original mission of providing public art – there was a previous plan with art along Lockwood. This focus on public art would really make clear the difference between the Commission and Webster Arts. Webster Arts would focus on everything else – concerts and events, etc. The difficulty comes in with competing with Webster Arts for funding.

There are also “signature projects” such as Lifetime Achievement in the Arts and we could continue to do those but also focus more on the public art. We would need to continue with an open line of communication and maybe make sure that we have a representative on their board and they have a representative on our commission. Events such as Poetry Month could be given to another board or Commission.

Mr. Elmestad shared an older plan, Artways, that was a good guide for the Commission. There may be a plan more recent than this that focused on the idea of an Arts Corridor.

Ms. Bradley suggested that instead of just public art we focus on supporting visual and performing. There was some discussion on whether that focus on visual and performing art needs to continue.

Ms. Cahoon mentioned that there are two issues 1) What is our function and 2) How do we pay for our function?

Mr. Elmestad has an outline and will share that with the commission prior to the next meeting. Conversation on this will continue and we can begin making decisions about what we are doing moving forward.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

- Mural Project: No updates right now. We're going to put this on hold unless there's movement on funding for it.
- Signs: For the signs the mid-priced option is \$5,910. We will figure out how much money was set-aside and return to the Council to request any additional funds needed.
- Sculpture Park Naming: Ms. Mann will write the letter for this project and share with the group.
- Other/New Business: NA

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.