



# City of Ann Arbor

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## Meeting Minutes Ann Arbor Public Art Commission

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Wednesday, July 15, 2015

4:30 PM Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Basement, conference room

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### CALL TO ORDER

*No Quorum. Meeting began at 4:35pm.*

### ROLL CALL

*Members present: Bob Miller, John Kotarski, Jim Simpson, Marsha Chamberlin and Craig Hupy*

*Members absent: Connie Rizzolo-Brown*

*Guests: Mary Thiefels, Jonathan Downing, Mike Nearing and Glen Wiczorek.*

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Adjustment to agenda order*

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

*Mary Thiefels is the advisor of a youth group. They are interested in a mural project within the City of Ann Arbor. Jonathan Downing represents the group and they would like permission from the the Art Commission to create mural paintings in 2 locations along the Geddes Ave & Huron Parkway Bridge areas. This would be a self funded project, aside from two, 5 gallon buckets of primer being donated through the Neutral Zone as a part of a grant from the DDA.*

*Mary would act as an advisor for the duration of the project. They believe that this is exactly the kind of project that provides productive, legal, and contributes value to their lives and our community.*

*The Commission thanked Mary and Jonathan for their presentation. Commission suggests the group come back with a more details on the budget, including a formal schedule, list of required materials, marketing strategy, funding raising, etc.*

*Mike Nearing, project engineer for the City of Ann Arbor stated that there are areas within the City that may benefit from a mural project. The best way to approach location of these projects is to begin the process early, planning ahead or with current city projects. Not all bridges within the city are suitable for a mural project. It was also noted that the CIP plan would be a good place to start when looking for upcoming projects where murals may be incorporated.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

*None*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*None*

**OLD BUSINESS***Canoe Imaging Art Project Update*

*All pieces to be being installed. Each is visible from multiple locations within their respective parks. The Arts Alliance has done a terrific job with this project! Kudos to staff and the committee. The Committee has planned an event on August 5th to celebrate the Canoe Imaging Art Project. Speakers and artists will be available to engage the public.*

*WaterTower Update - "Art in the Sky Entries" from Glen Wiczorek*

*The committee received 598 entries. Most were from local area school aged children from grades 2-4. The committee worked together to score the top 25 and finally narrowed it down to the top (6). There will be one more work session to move the (6) down to a final (3) or (4) which will then be presented for a final public vote. It has been determined that the tank cannot be painted this year. Many painters are not available and those that are; have increased pricing that make it difficult to set a budget at this time. Current project schedule is set for Spring/Summer or Fall of 2016. An exhibit of all 598 submissions is planned; may use CTN or Access A2 to display the submissions. Committee would like to acknowledge all the participants and tell the story of the process.*

*Jewett Memorial Update*

*City staff working together to determining whether or not to add a shade tree. With the metal chairs and the location; a shade tree maybe needed. There may also be an opportunity to use the solar sign to acknowledge all donors. Craig working with City Attorney to finalizing the resolution to council. Marsha Chamberlin keeping family and artist updated on the progress of the project.*

*Stadium Bridges Project Update from Mike Nearing*

*Few updates from Mike Nearing;*

*-Late June the contract was signed and it is now signed*

*-Fabrication of the steel and glass underway. City will store the glass and steel at a city facility*

*-Foundations for the lighting to be set mid August. The lighting, design details and cans for the lights delivered in 3-4 weeks*

*-Install lights in the sidewalk along State St by Sept and should be done before the student return*

*-Install the glass/art/steel structures in late Sept or early October.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Adjourned at 5:40pm*

**Approved as presented**