



**City of Ann Arbor**  
**Meeting Minutes - Draft**  
**Ann Arbor Public Art Commission**

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Wednesday, September 6, 2023

7:00 PM

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**ROLL CALL**

**Approved as presented**

**Present:** 6 - John Kotarski, Allison Buck, Venita Harrison, Peggy Wier-Leonard, Jamall Bufford, and Mary Thiefels

**Absent:** 5 - Sophie Grillet, Sarah Fuller, Marianetta Porter, Cynthia Harrison, and Fang Zhang

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Presented**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

*Sarah Unrath, Community Engagement Specialist & Brand Manager, Curator, Co-Coordinator of Linkage Community Prison Creative Art Project (PCAP) / in UM LSA.*

*Housed in the residential college building. The Prison Creative Arts Project (PCAP) brings those impacted by the justice system together with the University of Michigan Community for artistic collaboration, mutual learning and growth. Currently holding their 28th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons.*

*An exciting event called ELEVATE THE MIC: Performers Uniting for Social Progress at the Ann Arbor Art Fair. Throughout the event, members of the community we welcomed to contribute in a significant way to an ongoing collaborative art mural that was inspired by the iconic tree of the Ann Arbor city logo. In the mural, a metamorphosis of the tree will take place, evolving into a kaleidoscope of butterflies that were individually created by community members' visually responding to the prompt "What does "community" and/or "progress" mean to you?". The final product resulted in 3 - 4' x 5' panels that are designed to be hung as a triptych.*

*In the mural, a metamorphosis of the tree will take place, evolving into a kaleidoscope of butterflies that were individually created by community members' visually responding to the prompt "What does "community" and/or "progress" mean to you?" There is a The final product resulted in 3 - 4' x 5' panels that are designed to be hung as a triptych. Donation Working group can assist as this moves forward,*

*A reminder for upcoming PCAP spring event March 26 - April 9 opening night begins at 5p. Pieces are for sale; ribbon opening, speakers, pieces for sale and a celebration of all the artist. Annual art auction on December 2nd - music, food and lots of art for sale.*

*The city and Ms. Unrath will continue conversations to find a location for this piece and develop a maintenance plan and final location placement. The perfect home for this powerful art display maybe at City Hall, or another venue that feels like the best fit.*

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*Hannah Kilpatrick, Director of the Ann Arbor Art Center*

*New to the City of Ann Arbor as of 2018. Studied architecture and new to the art community here in Ann Arbor. Background in Glass; artist who enjoys art education, along with curator of art in Virginia and many streetscape projects. Look forward to working with you all and becoming more emerged in the Ann Arbor art community. Art Commission works within our Capital Improvement Projects to direct funding on availability.*

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*Center of the City*

*Mary Thiefels Library lot mural and intro Laura Russello is from New York. Run by the Library Green Conservancy (Jeff Crocket). Laura will partner with the Murals that Bridge initiative Treetown Murals and Olivia Hanicur. Her support background in fund raising will provide many opportunities throughout the city. Thank you to Laura for attending this eve to learn more about the commission. Presentation on Community of the Commons can now visit this now to view this beautiful native garden.*

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*Huron Street - Murals that Bridge (Thiefels)*

*Design completed and now working with City, MDOT and WATCO to meet ROW requirements.*

**Approved as presented**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Approved as presented**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*May and July of 2023*

**Approved as presented**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REPORT FROM STAFF****REPORT FROM COMMITTEES**

*\*Golden Paint Award selections made and we await feedback from community selection for the winner. Voting closes October 27, 2023.*

*-Embracing Our Differences, Nancy Margolis, President*

*-CultureVerse, Aubrey Martinson, Executive Director*

*\*City Flag Redesign project; commissioners met with Ann Arbor Public School art teachers to share details of the upcoming redesign of the city flag. Thanks to our art educators for their commitment to art.*

*\*Allison and Sarah working on AAPAC Annual report for FY21/22 and FY22/23 which is due by the end of September.*

*\*Collaboration with Ypsilanti Art Commission; Jamall will connect with Aaron Seagraves.*

*\*AAPAC participated in the AADL Ann Arbor Summer Games visiting manhole covers, Jewett chair at Kerrytown, and the Arch at Catherine/Fourth part of the tour for participates who earned a badge for their participation.*

*\*Michigan Art Education Conference*

*Mary Thiefels to participate in this years program held on October 26-29 at The Kensington Hotel.*

*\*A2 Artoberfest Fine Art Fair*

*Held Saturday, October 28 - 29 10a-4p. Features selected artists, live entertainment, food vendors and art activities for all.*

*\*Gutman Gallery to hold a Youth Exhibition for art related to "dreams" kids can bring any project to have it potentially added to the exhibit.*

*\*ARPA Update with 50 applicants and all have been notified most are recovery applicants and only a handful of participates for BIPOC and youth projects.*

*\*25th Anniversary Neutral Zone Street Party to be held on October 7 4a-11p. Concert, food trucks, bounce house and more.*

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