



City of Ann Arbor
Meeting Minutes - Final
Ann Arbor Public Art Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
<http://a2gov.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

UPDATE 6/30/23 - Wednesday, July 12, 2023
Public Art Commission Live on CTN Channel 19 @ 7pm

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CALL TO ORDER

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Approved as presented

ROLL CALL

Presented

Present: 9 - John Kotarski, Venita Harrison, Peggy Wier-Leonard, Sophie Grillet, Sarah Fuller, Marianetta Porter, Jamall Bufford, Mary Thiefels, and Fang Zhang

Absent: 2 - Allison Buck, and Cynthia Harrison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thea Eck, Gallery Director of the Ann Arbor Art Center will shared Art Center updates, projects, upcoming events.

Thank you for having me here this evening. I am new to the A2AC and this evening I want to share recent changes for the Ann Arbor Center and discuss our work and new directions over these past 5 years to reconstruct the A2AC space.

(presentation attached)

Approved as presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May and June minutes presented at the September 6th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Bicentennial Flag Update - Commission seeks parameters on what is required and should these suggestions be in writing. Instructions from staff have been shared and this project will mirror the "I Voted" campaign; staff will review the calendar and set a day/time to meet in the coming weeks. Ann Arbor Public Middle schools and staff professional development day allow teachers engage the students early - open invite for the week of August 21st is devoted to all AAPS art teachers.

City Hall Rotating Gallery - Reopening art that relates to government, neighborhoods, democracy in action, etc. in the main lobby of City Hall. Upcoming Council Chambers renovations will present an opportunity for new space for art within the chambers. Request for a video of the rotating gallery placed on the art commission page or perhaps an interview with the artist? A wonderful way to refresh the AAPAC website and have this displayed for public viewing.

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NEW BUSINESS

Creative Washtenaw - ARPA Report

The Review Panel:

- *Ingrid Ault – grants policy manager, Witt O’Brien and ARPA Grants manager/expert*
- *Jamal Bufford – Ann Arbor Public Arts Commission and Project Specialist for Washtenaw My Brother’s Keeper*
- *Zita Gillis - Creator at Zitadini, Logistics/PR at Illuminatus Lasers*
- *Thomas Reischl Ph.D. – Evaluation Director, U-M Prevention Research Collaborative*
- *Praveena Ramaswami – Community Leader*
- *Hananiah Wiggins - Neutral Zone, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Activism Program Manager*

Creative Washtenaw Facilitators

- *Deb Polich*
- *Margaret Woodard*

Recovery grant requests are far outpacing the Initiative grant applicants. We are recommending to applicants who have a mission to serve youth, BIPOC and marginalize audiences that they allow us to move them into the Initiative category. And we will do a push for more applications.

<i>Purpose requested</i>	<i>% of available \$</i>	<i>Applicants</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Initiatives for Youth, BIPOC etc.</i>	<i>8.89%</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>\$16,000</i>
<i>Recovery</i>	<i>57.1%</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>\$159,798</i>

**Opened June 13 and available until August 31 (end sooner should funds run out)*

Thea Eck of A2AC will share with artist on their current mailing list as a resource to get the word out to more Ann Arbor artist; must live within Ann

Arbor City limits to apply.

Marianetta Porter suggests beginning a conversation between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Art Public Commissions to discuss current initiatives, find ways to collaborate and support each other in connecting our two cities through ART.

Approved as presented

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Leadership and Art Placement met with CM Harrison to present report to City Council. * Annual Report for FY22 and FY23 to be shared soon for submitted to City Council.*

**Special Projects - Golden Paintbrush awards. Extended deadline and art commissioners can share with community and nominate as well.*

**Outreach Group - Connect with local schools to recruit non -voting youth members.*

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