



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Ann Arbor Public Art Commission

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Wednesday, September 4, 2024

7:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

**Chris Wade, PE Wade Trim
Chirs McCollough, PE Wade Trim**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Welcome Jesse England. EMU Fellow supporting the Public Services team with on legal tracking, public art projects and creation of Public Art City tour for historical markers.

Approved

Present: 5 - Allison Buck, Peggy Wier-Leonard, Sophie Grillet, Marianetta Porter, and Mary Thiefels

Absent: 3 - Jamall Bufford, Cynthia Harrison, and Fang Zhang

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nixon Road and Dhu Varren Project for 2025

*City Team: Nick Hutchinson, City Engineer
Chris Wall, PE - Wade Trim Ann Arbor
Mark McCullughin PE PTOE - Wade Trim Ann Arbor*

Approved as presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Approval of Minutes for -
January 10, 2024
May 1, 2024 Annual Planning Meeting
July 10, 2024*

Approved

OLD BUSINESS

No Items to share

NEW BUSINESS

Presenters - Engineering Team N Hutchinson, C Wall and M McColula from Wade Trim.

Team in charge of building many of the City Capital Projects (roads, utilities, bridges, sidewalks, etc.) in the city. Discussion this evening on the project on start next year on Nixon Road Improvement Project between Huron Parkway near Dhu Varren Green intersection and that will flagged as a public art project and our next steps. Discussion of the Nixon Road project from Huron Parkway to Dhu Varren =/Green Road 0'8 miles. Residential area north 3 school Bound by 2 existing roundabouts (Dhu and Huron Parkway) is a growing corridor.

This is a complete Road Reconstruction with water Main & Stormwater Improvements. Roundabouts selected as preferred alternative from 2017 study to meet project goals:

- * Improved safety for pedestrians, bikers and drivers*
- * Increase non-motorized & traffic facilities*
- * Reduce user delays and improve access*

Schedule

- * Final Plans October 2024 -*
- * MDOT Bidding January 2025 -*
- * Construction Start Summer 2025 and*
- * Construction End in Fall of 2026*

Guidelines and Budget

- * Designed to withstand natural weather*
- * Foundation maybe necessary*
- * Must not obscure sightlines to road uses (Cars, bikes, peds)*
- * Must not be hazardous if struck by a vehicle or alter driver behavior*

Cost

- * \$55,200 proposed budget (total for phase 1 & 2)*

NEXT STEPS

Conform process - Create RFP - Setup Committee - Provide Regular Updates

Commissioner Feedback:

Thiefels shared ideas on working with other art ideas, i.e. murals, etc. Available for addition input and support as needed. Engineering team will begin RFP selection process soon.

Fuller suggest use city Flag in one of these areas to make it Ann Arbor focused. Could be cost effective.

Grillet agrees with three-dimensional object; cost a concern. Look into cost of regional v local artist. Feelings and emotion would the commission like to see and this will help us tailor the design - their neighborhood and things that residents give it character - leaving and going in and out welcome people welcoming people to the city.

Mariantta identify as a neighborhood and give ownership and pride - say something good about the neighborhood - validate that we hold and people look to this.

Set maintenance i.e. lawn, trash, etc, responsibilities.

View Eberwhite roundabout as an example.

Approved as presented

REPORT FROM STAFF***Historical Memorial Markers; DDA and city Collaboration**

-City and DDA working together with Legal to review the Historical Markers ownership and maintenance responsibilities. Legal Team involved transferring ownership over to the City.

***City Flag and Ordinance update**

-New City Flag selected and there was a presentation at City Council. Ryan Stanton has done a nice article in A2 News. Sample at City Hall for all to view. Ordering large flags for residents, stickers and parade flags for residents to purchase. Thank you to the residents who participated! Thank you to QLTD, Christine, Olivia and Andy - we appreciate your hard work !

***City Administrator Dohoney Bicentennial end of year art event**

Idea of working with AAPS as a final close out event with - I will share me details as presented.

***Supportive Connections – Next steps**

New Supportive Connections program will connect residents to resources within the City. UM Mural donation to be housed in the main corridor of City Hall, Murals from Working with facilities team to have the piece installed soon. Donation received from the Prison Creative Arts Project (PCAP) | LSA Residential College

Community Mural for Social Progress 2023. Artist Daryl Rattew.

**Design Review Board Update - City Administrator Sue to work with City Administrator to see if there was ways the Art Commission can still be installed would not*

**Welcome Sue McCormick as Intern Public Services Administrator!*

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

Gear up for next Golden Paintbrugs Award. Start think about more excitement around the award. Use our new social media to get community involved. AAPAC Insta Gram - gaa.pac

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 8pm.

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