



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

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Wednesday, January 5, 2022

7:00 PM

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**ROLL CALL**

7:09

**Presented**

**Present:** 9 - John Kotarski, David Esau, Allison Buck, Venita Harrison, Sophie Grillet, Sarah Fuller, Marianetta Porter, Jamall Bufford, and Linh Song

**Absent:** 1 - Peggy Wier-Leonard

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Minutes for December 1, 2021 to be shared at the February 2, 2022 meeting*

**OLD BUSINESS**

*2021 Golden Paintbrush Award winners are:*

- *Ann Arbor Art Center for the A2AC Murals project and the ArtBox program*  
*A2AC Murals is the culmination of pairing downtown building and business owners with local, regional and national artists who transformed the building walls into spectacular expressions of their skill — providing the community and visitors the opportunity to experience and enjoy these large, vibrant works of public art.*
- *David Zinn's "Laughing at Clouds" mural*  
*Artist David Zinn created a mural of the iconic scene in which Gene Kelly sings, dances and swings from a lamppost in the rain. He created a fun illusion incorporating a real lamppost on the sidewalk. Gene Kelly's daughter, Kerry Kelly Noviak, is a long-time resident of Ann Arbor.*
- *Youth Art Month installations in accordance with Ann Arbor Public Schools*  
*Youth Art Month is an annual observance in March designed to emphasize the value of art education for all youth. It is an opportunity to connect the community with its youth's creativity to illustrate the importance of fostering artistry and innovation.*
- *City of Ann Arbor's "I Voted" s tickers*  
*The Ann Arbor City Clerk's office, with support from the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission, sought out local artists, including students, to design the city's 2020 "I Voted" stickers.*
- *Staff has contacted the Mayors Office for direction on the possibility of an in-person award presentation at an upcoming City Council meeting. Staff will prepare an update for the February meeting.*

*People's Choice (Community Voice Selection) award currently out to the public, with winner to be announced after the March 11 deadline.*

**Presented**

**NEW BUSINESS**

*\*Congratulations to new Chair Sarah Fuller and new Vice-Chair Jamall Bufford. Commission members send a "Thank You" to former Chair Buck for her dedication in moving the Commission forward with relevance and positive and representation within the community.*

*Commissioners send a "thank you" to Allison Buck for her great work with the Commission in organizing and building a wonderful platform as a leader; always offering generous advice and assistance with support and resources.*

*Allison Buck has enjoyed her time as the Chair over these past few years. Excited with new leadership team and will still be around to offer support and looks forward to the continued commission accomplishments moving forward.*

*John Kotarski shares that Allison has moved the Commission forward in a very positive dramatic way. We have diversified the commission under her tenure and sought out and received a grant and this was due to her leadership. John that a formal letter of recognition go to Allison. Formalizing this change of leadership so that we show our appreciation for Allison Buck and her hard work and stewardship as the former Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Chair.*

*^Commission recommends a formal letter of appreciation be shared with Allison.*

*\*Annual Plan Review will be presented at our February meeting. Chair Fuller to send out to commissioners for their review and input. Goals have been added and all will have access to the edit the document. AAPAC CIP list will be attached and presented as well.*

**REPORT FROM STAFF**

*Staff received 7 proposals for the WTP stairwell art work. Group of Water Treatment Plant staff, Sarah Fuller, and Mary Thiefels reviewed the proposals and short-listed four of the seven to submit more detailed renderings of the proposed mural. Final proposals will be due in February when this group will reconvene and make a selection. Each of the four short-listed artists will receive a \$500 honorarium upon receipt of their final proposal.*

**REPORT FROM WORK GROUPS**

*Capital Improvement Project Working Group: David, Allison, Sarah*  
*- Final plan to be shared at the February meeting*

*Outreach Working Group (Sophie, Peggy, and Marianetta)*  
*- Group will meet next week and share any updates*

*Special Projects Working Group (Sophie, Peggy, Sarah, and Jamall)*  
*- Winners have been announced for Golden Paintbrush Award, date for City Council presentation to be determined and link for Peoples Choice currently advertised to public with a March 11th deadline.*  
*- Flag redesign resolution drafted and presented to Mayor Taylor. Councilmember Song will follow up with Mayor Taylor.*

*Communications Working Group (Allison, Sarah, Marianetta and David)*  
*Review goals from annual plan and used funds from the endowment to advertising for the Golden Paintbrush award*

*- Leadership Working Group (Jamall and Sarah)*  
*- Annual Plan our first item and will be shared with all for our February meeting. Vacancy remains; on our radar for filling as quickly as possible.*

*Fundraising/Development Working Group: Allison, Sarah, & David*  
*- Endowment is held with the Ann Area Community Foundation. Commission contacted twice a year re use of available funds for disbursement. Commission will make a determination on whether to withdraw or roll over the interest endowment.*

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7:43p

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