

# **City of Ann Arbor**

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## **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

**7:30 PM**

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## **Ann Arbor Public Art Commission**

**ROLL CALL**

*7:07pm*

**Present:** 10 - John Kotarski, David Esau, Allison Buck, Venita Harrison, Debra Mexicotte, Travis Radina, Sophie Grillet, Sarah Fuller, Wasentha Young, and Craig Hupy

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Approved as presented**

**PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

**A2ZERO Gallup Park Mural Project** - Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) Unit Manager, Dr. Missy Stults and Coordinator Simi Barr present a proposal for the A2ZERO art installation in Gallup Park formal unveiling taking place on June 1, 2021.

**Approved to move forward.**

*\*Adopted on June 1, 2020, A2ZERO is the City of Ann Arbor's plan for achieving a transition to community-wide carbon neutrality by 2030.*

*\*June 1, 8AM – June 6, 2021, 10PM. Week-long celebration of A2ZERO, launching GreenFare – an opportunity to profile sustainable, local, and plant-based cuisine and services offered by local merchants. GreenFare presents a unique opportunity to showcase some of the sustainable fare and products our community has to offer to our large and diverse constituency throughout the City. GreenFare will be annual event and will operate like Restaurant Week.*

*Join us in the A2ZERO week celebration by helping paint a new mural along the scenic Huron River with local artist, Yen Azzaro. This volunteer event will be hosted by GIVE 365 at Gallup Park on Saturday, May 29th with shifts from 9am-12pm and 1pm-3pm. An additional shift is available on Sunday, May 30th from 9am-12pm as needed. Bring your creative spirit to help us beautify our city this Memorial Day Weekend. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please reach out to [volunteer@a2gov.org](mailto:volunteer@a2gov.org) to RSVP. For ages 16 and up.*

**Ann Arbor Art Center Alley Project** - Jason Ennis of Center Design Studio and the Ann Arbor Art Centers, Andrew Cohen present proposal for downtown alley art installation.

*Jason Ennis is an architectural designer by trade and would like to focus more on experiencing or engaging programming. Proposal will focus on launch of competition that will target installations artists as well as architect designers showcasing some of the forgotten spaces throughout the downtown area. Project goal essentially is to re pedestrianize some of these some of these exhilarated spaces. Presentation shares examples of several other cities in the US that have done similar projects.*

*Their work in Chattanooga, was a first of five series of temporary alleyway installations and was well received with great public participation.*

*Project will hold a competition to get as many people to participate within that competition as possible and part of that intent is just to spark imagination around what's possible, actually request for proposal is to push out sometime in the next few weeks with a five to six week competition.*

*Potential sites have been selected with coordination of the City, paying attention to truck access coming in and down and all the services that have to occur within these alleyways; still working through some of this with the city officials. Potential sites is the main corridor adjacent to the Ann Arbor art Center and then potentially the one that's next to the City Club apartments.*

*Cost of \$10 to 15k to be awarded to the artists that can be used for the installation. Commission shares a referral to the Design Review Board for their input. .*

***Approved to move forward.***

**Presented**

**21-0862** Ann Arbor Public Art Commission - May 2021 Presentations

**Attachments:** Estimate\_A2Zero muralB\_2021-05-06.pdf, Yen Azzaro A2ZERO\_DRAFT 1.jpg, 210330\_the Alleyway Project\_RFP DRAFT.pdf, ALLEYWAY EXAMPLES.pdf, WTP Memo\_Call to Artists\_DRAFT3\_20210212.docx

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approved with changes**

**21-0829** Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes - March 2021

**Attachments:** AAPAC Meeting Minutes - March 2021.pdf

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Review of Mayoral initiative to redesign the City Flag - Resolution tentatively set for the May 17th City Council agenda. Resolution directs the Commission to develop a project plan, budget, etc.*

**Approved. This item has been assigned to the Special Projects Work Group.**

*Approval of Water Treatment Plant Stairwell Mural Call for Art - Media disbursement set for early next week.*

**Motion; Commission will share more detail on general idea and description of the criteria that is expected.**

*Repair to the "Tulip" canoe sculpture damaged last summer is underway - Artist, Raymond Katz has retrieved the piece and is working closely with Parks staff on its replacement. **Presented.***

*Public Works staff completed the plaque installations for the Arbor Winds and Leaven pieces. **Presented.***

**21-0721** Resolution to Direct the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission to Establish a Project Plan to Redesign the City of Ann Arbor City Flag

**Sponsors:** Taylor

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REPORT FROM STAFF****General Staff Items -**

*A2ZERO Week: June 1st, 2021 marks the 1-year anniversary of the adoption of A2ZERO. In honor of this, OSI is launching A2ZERO week. Running for June 1- June 6th, this week-long event will be a series of decentralized and distributed virtual and inperson activities to help people: a) learn about sustainability activities; b) take action; and c) have fun. The full schedule is still being finalized but will be posted at [www.a2gov.org/sustainability](http://www.a2gov.org/sustainability). If you'd like to partner with OSI in hosting an event, please contact Missy Stults ([mstults@a2gov.org](mailto:mstults@a2gov.org))*

*Sustaining Ann Arbor Together Grant Program which offers up to \$10,000 to do something related to sustainability in the public space. That definitely includes art. That's not a lot of money but certainly something work considering. Also, while this is climate focused, here is a database of funding that may be useful: <https://globalcovenantusa.org/>.*

**REPORT FROM WORK GROUPS**

Business Owners + Developers Work Group - No items to report

Capital Improvement Project Working Group - No items to report

Communications Work Group - Meeting with communications staff to discuss how to best navigate social media posts. Chair Buck did an interview with WEMU re Golden Paintbrush Award.

Fundraising Work Group - Meeting with AAACF to discuss use and withdrawal/rollover (reinvest) a portion of the current funds \$7500; use of approx. \$2k for marketing, augmenting any budgets related to any other projects coming on board i.e.. possible permits for the Pickle Street Mural project. Feel free to share any input on items that may need to be added to the conversation.

Leadership Forum Work Group - Current list has more than 50 names and is a good place to start and the strategy moving forward, will be to put forwarded in our strategic planning session in December, with small group sessions with these potential members see if they are interested in signing up for what might be a fall kickoff.

Nominations/Leadership Review Work Group - Two vacancies; please encourage those who maybe interested to apply.

Policy & Governance Work Group - Continue to track the budget line item from City Council

Special Projects Work Group - Continued work on selection of Judges for Golden Paintbrush Award Project

Youth Outreach Work Group - No items to share

**Approved as presented**

**ADJOURN**

8:53p

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