



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, June 2, 2021

7:30 PM

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ROLL CALL

In attendance from Ann Arbor.

Present: 10 - John Kotarski, David Esau, Allison Buck, Venita Harrison, Travis Radina, Peggy Wier-Leonard, Sophie Grillet, Sarah Fuller, Wasantha Young, and Craig Hupy

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commission Welcomes -

**Jennifer Goulet of the Ypsilanti Arts Commission - Plans to attend a future meeting.*

**Trische' Duckworth, LLMSW Executive Director/Founder of Survivors Speak –*

Proposal to install a BLM mural to the City of Ann Arbor at Fourth Ave/Ann St for install for the African America Festival. This mural in the Community will allow all to see and know that black lives matter and that we are present in a world that sometime tries to push black lives to the back burner. Need to understand that all should take the time to notice and see who we are, as a people. These murals are going up all over the United States and currently in the City of Ypsilanti, which will be painted this upcoming Saturday and Sunday at S Washington Street and down

into the Riverside Park off of Cross Street. Use of the traditional BLM staple design "yellow" paint will be used.

Our goals is push programming and do certain Community activities onsite. We want to use this platform to bring the Community together about this very serious conversation and the need, as a community to push it forward. Black lives enhance the lives of black citizens across the country and here in the City of Ann Arbor. As one of the most elite cities in the nation, Ann Arbor can achieve an amazing feat by installing this mural programmed into the community to uplift the community. This platform will help make black lives better; from education and cultural to legislative changes – this is our goal.

Set for install for the African America Festival. Staff will review City Code for a more permanent mural rather than the chalk paint (temporary). Two murals are proposed Main/Fourth Ave and Fourth Ave/Ann St. This is a permanent install; perhaps a conversation with City Council for their opinion and acceptance. No need to install a mural that will go away, as this divide has been in existence for a long time. We ask your support to remove this barrier and have a conversation with City Council on the use of asphalt grade paint similar to the City of Ypsilanti). This will be a two-step process to change the code to allow for none chalk drawing in the ROW.

Opportunity to reach out to GIVE365 and A2ZERO volunteers.

Approved and Motion of support to move forward.

Presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved with changes

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OLD BUSINESS

No items to share

Approved as presented

NEW BUSINESS

No items to share

Approved as presented

REPORT FROM STAFF

Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation Update - Commission requesting \$2500 for communication, marketing, celebration of the return of the Golden Paintbrush Award and project support (permits, fees, etc.) AAACF to move funds to the City On July 2021 with availability to use through June of 2022. Commission should begin discussion on next draw of funds so that when budgets are put together in December/January next year, City has money baked into the budget.

Flag Redesign - Item still with Mayor Taylor for his consideration. Councilmember Radina will follow up

Approved

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

Business Owners + Developers Work Group - No items to report; Design Review Board has not met

Capital Improvement Project Working Group - No items to report

Communications Work Group - Money available for advertising opportunities

Fundraising Work Group - Application submitted for A2ZERO Sustaining Ann Arbor Together Grant

Leadership Forum Work Group - Deb Mexicotte will continue to support to help with this effort

Nominations/Leadership Review Work Group - New commissioner nominations with Mayor Taylor for approval of final appointment

Policy & Governance Work Group - No items to share

Special Projects Work Group - Golden Paintbrush Award judges selection still underway (4 confirmed); Criteria worksheet still being developed; announcement and packets to go out soon. Commitment of support from Lucy Ann Lance

Youth Outreach Work Group - New commissioners may have an interest in participating and perhaps look to recruitment youth participants. Interesting in participating; please contact Peggy

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Westside Art Hop - A cross between an art walk and an art fair, Art Hop springs from Ann Arbor Michigan's lovely historic West side neighborhood. Mostly local, but also national and international artists participate. Many volunteer local hosts, over fifty exhibiting artists, and of course, art-loving visitors, browsers and buyers, all enjoy a great day out! June 12 - 13 <https://www.westsidearthop.com/copy-of-home>

*2021 Ann Arbor Art Fair - July 15 – 17
<https://www.theannarborartfair.com/#2021artfair>*

Presented

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