

**April 18, 2022
Commission for the Arts
Royal Oak City Hall, Room 122
203 S. Troy Steet
7:30 PM – Regular Meeting
Minutes**

The primary goal of the commission has been to encourage and promote arts and culture in the community. The City of Royal Oak recognizes the importance of arts and culture to a vibrant, healthy, and sustainable community. The city strives to promote and encourage arts and culture through the public and private display of art.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Jason Gittinger, Melissa Behring, Laura Bonnell, Jodie Ellison, Denise Reske, Commissioner Pat Paruch

Members absent: Alesha Beistline

Others present: Susan Barkman, Ex-Officio; Peter Young, City Manager Fellow,

2. Public Comment

Royal Oaks Arts Council president Carol provides an Annual Royal Oak Outdoor Art Fair at Memorial Park update. The Royal Oak Arts Council is a volunteer organization that promotes the arts is best known for the Annual Outdoor Art Fair, but they also provide scholarships and grants and have partnerships with regional art related groups, between \$5000 to \$7000 worth of grants and scholarships. Carol explains that their funding has been limited and they're not sure if the council will survive. The Royal Oak Arts Council are asking for the city take over where the council left off. 5000-7000 dollars in funding went to groups

Is the arts council doing the art fair this year?

- I don't know.

This body has changed since the pandemic; we still feel the council is important.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve April 18, 2022 agenda.

Motion by Pat Paruch

Seconded by Laura Bonnell

Approved Unanimously

4. Approval of Minutes – [February 21](#)

Motion to approve the January 2022 meeting minutes.

Motion by: Denise Reske

Seconded by: Pat Paruch

Approved Unanimously

5. New Business

a. Window Mural Approval

DDA project seeking to install temporary window murals to beautify the district and attract pedestrian traffic. They are hopeful for summer and maybe fall installation. Their goal is install murals in 100 first floor windows. The murals are first come first serve.

Motion to approve widow mural installations.

Motion by Pat Paruch

Seconded by Jodie Ellison

Commission approves.

b. Bakery Mural Approval

Katie and Detrick Knoer, the owners of Give Thanks Bakery, proposes a public art mural painted on the rear of their building. The mural is of a gold wheat sheaf painted mural on a dark grey background. The alley way was recently improved, and this mural is intended to make it even nicer. This is the third locations and will be in the building that was formerly Hermann's bakery on Main St. between 3rd and 4th Streets. They presented an image mockup for the façade improvement.

- You're asking for us to approve a larger than allowed sign.

- There is a grey area because it is painted on.

What if we take away the lettering? Is the mural fine without the lettering?

- The mural is of the logo and that would be considered a sign.

Would we need to make a separate application if we make changes?

- No, we can approve with changes.

Commission denies approval.

c. Art Donation Agreement Approval

Graduate City Management Fellow Peter Young presents donation agreements for three separate proposals and a location agreement proposal. *Forest Light*, by Emily Fantuz a reproduction painting located on the Chamber of Commerce building; *Life in the City*, by Emily Fantuz reproduction painting located in City Hall first floor hallway; and *Fractured Excavation Tile Series*, by Nick Wrecker; nine ceramic tiles; to be deaccessioned, with future location to be determined. The location agreement for Forest Light is for indefinite installation to the Chamber of Commerce building façade.

Motion to approve the art donation agreement approval.

Motion by Pat Paruch

Second by Jodie Ellison

6. Subcommittee/Program Reports

a. Share the Warmth Update

This was a record year with 177 items donated

- Could we make a helping hands database?

b. Art Explored Update

The community outreach survey for Pollen Release and Considering Evolution are coming in and staff will put together a summary for next meeting.

Staff is making a contract provision change; the city will own any art that is not picked up by the artist within 30 days after the agreement ends.

We are also working to use seamless docs for digital submission and agreements. Staff hopes to advertise the reopening starting Monday to

Presented a catalog of spots to put art

c. Summer Concerts Update

We successfully moved the Summer Concert Series to the Chamber and

DDA. We got the stage for all show. Chamber staff handles the logistics

Social district will allow people to bring alcohol into the event controlled by the

local restaurants and bars. More money offered than in the past.

The Commission discusses what art shows that they would like to help.

There could be a way to fund raise for the art fair in memorial park.

7. General Announcements

Laura loves cats.

8. Community Engagement Message

a. Social Media

Wrap up post for Share the Warmth; Art Explored will be the next social media push.

9. Next Meeting – Monday May 16, 2022

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Pat Paruch

Second by Melissa Behring

Approved Unanimously