

City of Rochester Arts & Culture Commission
Wednesday April 20, 2022
Community Center Community Room
150 Wakefield Street

(These minutes were approved on April 2022)

Members Present

Matt Wyatt, *Chair*
Ashley Desrochers
Kristin Ebbeson
Palana Hunt-Hawkins
Jamie Kinsley
Ed Pacht, *Poet Laureate*
Amy Marie Regan

Members Absent

Chloe White

Staff: Shanna B. Saunders, *Director of Planning & Development*

(There are the legal minutes of the meeting and are in the format of an overview of the meeting.)

I. Call to Order

My. Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The M. Wyatt conducted a silent roll call.

III. Membership

Ms. Ebbeson mentioned reaching out to Joanne Piazzini to see if she is interested in joining the commission. Ms. Hunt-Hawkins stated that she would reach out to Chloe White regarding her member status. Ms. Desrochers explained that she had a lead she could reach out to as well.

IV. Approval of minutes from February 16 and March 16, 2022

Mr. Pacht made a motion to approve the minutes from February 16 and March 16, 2022. Ms. Desrochers seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

V. Nomination of Ed Pacht's Poems

Mr. Pacht's poems were discussed in great length with many favorites from each member. Ms. Hunt-Hawkins stated that she would create a spreadsheet of all of the favorite poems from the Commission.

VI. Update on Performance Art programing for this summer

S. Saunders' spoke about the fact that she is going through the budget review right now and she has included an ask for funding for performance art for this summer. Once we hear about whether the funding will be supported, we can start to plan and schedule for this. Perfect location is the "stage" area as Central Square.

VII. Art Show

The location of the Art show was discussed. Past discussions contemplated partnering with the Farmers Market. The thought process has shifted and the possibility of holding the Art Show at Shaw Park was discussed. A Hawkers & Peddlers license was discussed. Mr. Wyatt discussed the Lilac Family Fun Fest on July 9 and the potential of the Commission having a tent for face painting.

VIII. Crosswalk Art

Ms. Saunders reported that crosswalks can't be painted, because of MUTCD (Federal traffic Guidelines) guidelines she has discussed with DPW. But there is a possibility of painting sidewalks. DPW supports this idea. The idea of putting sculptures on traffic calming bump outs at crosswalks was also discussed. M. Wyatt discussed Riverwalk area behind Citizens Bank may be a possibility.

IX. Elections

M. Wyatt discussed his desire not to reapply when his term was done.

My. Wyatt made a motion to nominate Ms. Hunt-Hawkins as Arts & Culture Commission Chair. Ms. Desrochers seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Regan offered to serve as Vice Chair until the end of her term.

X. Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Regan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM. Ms. Desrochers seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna B. Saunders,
Director of Planning & Development