

City of Rochester Arts & Culture Commission
Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Community Center Community Room
150 Wakefield Street

(These minutes were approved on ,2023)

Members Present

Palana Hunt-Hawkins, *Chair*
Ashley Desrochers
Kristin Ebbeson
Ed Pacht, *Poet Laureate*
Nicole Lee
Sarah Rowe
Olivia Miller

Members Absent

Marie Lejune
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

Palana Hunt-Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Shanna B. Saunders conducted a silent roll call.

III. Membership

The commission discussed membership for all land use boards. The Historic District Commission is looking for memberships and reaching out to the Chamber of Commerce for architects was discussed.

IV. Approval of minutes from September 21, 2022

Ashley Desrochers made a motion to approve the minutes from September 21, 2022. Sarah Rowe seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

V. Historic and Cultural Master Plan

Tom and Liz discussed what a Master Plan is and the purpose of the Historic and Cultural Master Plan. Planning Board ultimately approves any Master Plan. The commission discussed their ideas to add to the Master Plan and what can be added to the inventory of public arts and culture. There was discussion of a survey being done for the Master Plan and the commission discussed coming up with questions that would be useful and thought provoking for the public. The commission discussed a 2006 report of Art Across the City, events, and live music.

The commission discussed including the Fairgrounds, Oprah House partnership, partnerships with the schools, and the farmers market.

VI. Recap on the Rochester Art Awards – Oct 17th

The commission requested to move the Rochester Art Awards recap to the January meeting.

VII. Review meeting dates for 2023

The commission agreed with the 2023 meeting dates for the third Wednesday of the month.

VIII. Other Business

Ms. Hunt-Hawkins discussed bringing the book to the January meeting to review with the commission.

Ed Pacht read two poems.

Kris Ebbeson discussed the two artists currently in her studio, Tom Glover and Larry Driscoll “Here & There, Near & Far”

A new app for the museum was discussed.

There was a discussion about getting Mr. Pacht into a Spaulding English class.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Desrochers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8PM. Ms. Ebbeson seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Greene
Administrative Assistant II

and

Shanna B. Saunders
Director of Planning & Development