

Kalamazoo County Public Art Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 27, 2023 | 5:30 PM -6:30 PM

Location: Epic Board Room 359 S Kalamazoo Mall

Purpose: Regular Monthly Meeting

Attending: Patrick Hershberger , Kristen Chesak, Patrick Jouppi, Jared VanderWeele, Shannon Carrol

Absent: Nicole Lee, Brent Harris, Lori Knapp, Ann Videtich, Anna Lee Roeder, Dana Wagner

1. Call to order
2. Welcome Guests
 - a. Rebekah Kik
 - b. Kim Shaw
3. Review Agenda
 - a. Approved agenda
 - b. Approved minutes
4. Regular business
 - a. Evening Walking Tour Discussion: Rebekah Kik led discussion as follows:
 - i. Maps handed out for critiquing public are opportunity walk after meeting
 - ii. Photo-report handed out for similar reason
 1. Movie Theatre – exterior undulating surface for art, fire exit ‘pits’ opportunity
 2. Back of wild bull
 3. Edwards street south of Michigan has blank walls available
 4. Antique store ‘nelson naves’ building – blank
 5. Mr. President’s building has framed shapes
 6. Parking ramp on Eleanor – old ‘geometry’ could be enhanced with modern art
 7. Parking ramp over water street – opportunity for lighting/false lid artwork; sound and projections could be fun. Water-street themed multisensory experience
 8. Backside of Radisson could be enhanced
 9. Farmer’s Alley pocket park/plaza redesign and Theatre Ramp spiral art backdrop opportunity; rainbow painted spiral tying in to horizontal landscaping/lighting scene
 10. Farmer’s Alley in general

- 11. Exchange Alley – lighting opportunities
- 12. AT&T – anything please
- 13. Plenty of others
- 14. South Side of Epic Center Building
- iii. Assess these options during walk, and look for others
- b. May Art Hop – Kim Shaw led discussion
 - i. Huge turnout of people wanting to participate.
 - ii. 37 stops, and 70 artists participating
 - iii. 7:30pm concert in haymarket plaza
 - iv. Westin Gallery hosting a collaborative show of public artists and home base for PixelStix education
 - v. Promotional Standpoint – KPAC social media to push out PixelStix walking tour
 - vi. Plaques and RFDs will be on display for promotion; images from website on a poster board to add to display and Patrick and Kim will setup physical board display.
 - vii. Patrick and Kim working on social media posts to be pushed out and shared by agencies
- c. Budget Report
 - i. No change from prior month
- d. Slices of Heaven Recommendation – led by Patrick Jouppi
 - i. Review of draft copy of Deaccessioning
 - ii. Using previous format to outline history, abandonment, and recommendation to replace with a piece by a local artist
 - iii. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to finalize and send the Recommendation to Deaccess the Slices of Heaven letter to the City Manager’s office.
 - iv. Patrick Jouppi will finalize and send
- e. PixelStix MOU – led by Patrick Jouppi
 - i. Review of recommended Memorandum of Understanding for property owners with updated voted on and approved last month.
- f. Al Laverne Estate – Patrick Hershberger relayed Brent Harris’ update that communication is active with a relative of the estate, and a schedule is being finalized to visit and consider pieces for display in the County.
- 5. Sub Committee Reports
 - a. PixelStix
 - i. Targeting art pieces Round 2 defined by end of summer
 - b. Public Outreach Committee
 - i. No update
- 6. Round Table
 - a. Shannon Carrol, KIA introduction – still new to town, and learning about the town.
 - b. Bike Friendly Kalamazoo next location to be the Dreamer’s Building across from new Creamery location on Portage. RFP planning to go out for Michigan Artists only.
 - c. Justice Center – may be appropriate to invite Tony Reisner with Tower Pinkster to help support this move ahead. Jared to reach out to Tony (local architect)

- d. KRESA CTE – Jared to reach out to Whiteman (local architect)
- 7. Next meeting confirmed for May 25, 2023
- 8. Adjourned