

# Kalamazoo County Public Art Commission

## MEETING MINUTES

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**Date:** July 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, Dana Wagner, Ann Videtich, Anna Lee Roeder, Abigail Wheeler

**Absent:** Nicole Lee, Lori Knapp, Brent Harris, KIA Rep

### Call to Order

- 1) Welcome Guests and New Members
  - a) Kim Shaw
  - b) Kalamazoo County Commissioner: Abigail Wheeler, Kalamazoo County Commission, District 4
- 2) Meeting Agenda - approved
- 3) Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve was accepted unanimous With correction to minutes date of May 25
- 4) Regular Business
  - a) Budget Report
    - i) No action since last meeting
  - b) Kalamazoo Public Art Recommended sites
    - i) Water St Underpass
    - ii) Trim Salon/Dean's Building
    - iii) Ramp 3/City
    - iv) Meeting Discussion: Site recommendations sent to Rebekah Kik. Arts Council was approached to request they receive RFP responses. Note that Rebekah requested RFP for movie theatre parking ramp (referenced to Ramp 3/City Parklette above) and Epic Center.  
(1) Kristen to confirm nature of request, confirming movie theatre ramp is indeed Ramp 3.
  - c) Slices of Heaven Removal status
    - i) Rebekah Kik reports city crew needs further direction for disposal or storage of Slices of Heaven. Also pending KCPAC recommendation for replacement art piece.
    - ii) Consider recommendation to notify artist upon deaccessioning, and provide 6 or 9 month window for pickup.
  - d) Al Laverge – sculpture recommendation

- i) Patrick H. reports update from Brent Harris. Brent is open to looking for other options, and would like direction for size. Current base is 4-foot in diameter. If commission recommends larger piece, consideration/budget to be given for new base.
    - ii) Patrick H. to offer joining Brent on a field trip to assess opportunities.
  - e) Public Art RFP review
    - i) RFP structured on past example public art RFPs, adapted for KCPAC guidelines.
    - ii) Consider the requirements for an Artist Maintenance Plan – modify language to clarify that the artist is to prepare a maintenance plan, as opposed to providing the maintenance.
    - iii) Consider copyright policy requirements –
      - (1) Copyright requirements vary in Leasing versus Owning
      - (2) Best practices advise physical art ownership lies with site ownership and artist has first right of refusal for physical art. The copyright for the design and process belong to the artist. Patrick J. to update document to follow our guidelines
    - iv) Insurance discussion
      - (1) Patrick H. finds it normal to obtain insurance while on-site installing/performing on-site activities. Not for insuring the art itself, or insuring the preparation of art pieces off-site.
      - (2) Patrick H. to share example insurance requirements
    - v) Concrete Pad – should we anticipate removal and replacement of the concrete pad?
      - Provide narrative that pad exists; open to replacement if needed.
    - vi) Current budget is \$2,500 for total project
  - f) PixelStix Plaque for Ellen Vandermyde's Mural in Texas Dr Park
    - i) Wonderful, Colorful mural installed, and Texas Township has requested a Pixelstix plaque. Artist will provide content, and
    - ii) Related
      - (1) Chafe and Heidi prepared recent mural on Kalamazoo mall that would be appropriate. At 132 South Kalamazoo Mall at Amy Zanes.
      - (2) Patrick H. completing a mural on Eastside that would be appropriate/desirable for a plaque.
      - (3) Consider grouping identified plaque needs, and ordering a new group of 4 or more in several months.
      - (4) Plaques cost \$65 a piece.
      - (5) Benefit to art installation of procuring through KCPAC gets plaque enhanced branding, and marketing/upload on pixelstix site
      - (6) Decision – Add ‘parking lot’ of potential pixelstix and work toward a group of ~5 sites to authorize purchase in the fall.
  - g) Membership Discussion
    - i) KIA Membership
      - (1) Shannon Karrol has left KIA. Patrick J. has contacted Belinda Tate to request new appointment. Consider recommending Brent Harris to shift to KIA rep, and open up artist-at-large slote.
    - ii) Fall Schedule
      - (1) 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday or 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday options.
- 5) Sub Committee Reports
  - a) PixelStix
    - i) Patrick Jouppi to reach out to Western Michigan (via Kristen Chesak) for additional art sites for Pixelstix

- ii) Jared was to add a list of potential sites that have not yet received plaques. He has requested the pixelstix subcommittee to check their records for site recommendations.
- 6) Round Table Discussion
  - a) Bike Friendly Kalamazoo has a winner and location at Dream Center off of Portage. Late summer/early fall schedule for unveiling.
- 7) KCPAC Next Meeting August 24, 2023
  - a) Ultimately changed via e-mail/doodle poll to August 15, 2023.
- 8) Adjournment