

Kalamazoo County Public Art Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 25, 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, Ann Videtich, Brent Harris

Absent: Nicole Lee, Lori Knapp, Anna Lee Roeder, Shannon Carrol, Kalamazoo County Representative

Call to Order

- 1) Welcome Guests
 - a) Kim Shaw
- 2) Meeting Agenda - approved
- 3) Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2023 approved
- 4) Regular Business
 - a) Budget Report
 - i) Motion to approve expenditure of \$65.35 for additional plaque purchase for Ellen VanderMyde art piece was passed.
 - b) May ArtHop for Pixelstix Public Artwork – event recap
 - i) Kim Shaw reported May 5 Art hop, second art hop of year, was biggest Art Hop in past 5 years.
 - ii) 36 vendors, and thousands of people participating. Just over 330 visitors to Westin Gallery
 - iii) Pixelstix program introduction during the event was well received
 - c) Evening Walking Tour Schedule – Recommended sites discussed below:
 - i) Arcadia Creek – too close to slices, better impact elsewhere
 - ii) Water St Underpass
 - iii) Trim Salon/Dean's Building
 - iv) Ramp 3/City Parklet
 - v) Epic Building – to be removed from list because other initiatives occurring at this site
 - vi) Motion to approve the following for approval: Water Street Underpass, Trim Salon/Dean’s Building, and Ramp 3/City parklet site.
 - vii) Patrick H. to e-mail recommendation to Rebekah Kik.
 - d) Slices of Heaven Recommendation for Deaccessing submitted

- i) Next Step is for Patrick J. to request quote from City Manager's office to remove Slices of Heaven
 - ii) Base may need to be removed as well pending sculpture replacement, see topic f below.
 - e) PixelStix MOU – finalized and closed.
 - f) Al Laverge – sculpture recommendation
 - i) Number of sculptures left in family's possession
 - ii) Recommended sculpture made because of physical size and theme
 - iii) Likely needs a clear coat on the raw metal finish. May also need a new or modified base – the existing base needs further assessment.
 - iv) Will need a pickup truck with a crane/lift
 - v) Kristen noted process transparency concern: Prior public sculptures, ie Wheel of History and Slices of Heaven, did not have public input involvement.
 - vi) Commission recommends an RFP be prepared and issued and follows guidelines published in the KCPAC handbook. Patrick J. will prepare a draft with specific criteria for size, loan, \$0 budget, etc. Consider a 1 week RFP preparation, and advertise for 2 weeks.
 - vii) Publish on Discover Kalamazoo site, and social media feeds.
- 5) Sub Committee Reports
 - a) PixelStix – no report
- 6) Round Table Discussion
 - a) Brent reported the City of Portage – 1st install in June of Dr. King, and children to follow later in the summer, and final elements in fall.
 - b) City of Portage rep Lori has standing conflict with this meeting time
 - c) Kalamazoo County representation has not had contact.
- 7) KCPAC Next Meeting June 22, 2023
- 8) Adjournment