

Kalamazoo County Public Art Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 30, 2023 | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: Kalamazoo Public Library, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Purpose: Regular Monthly Meeting

- 1) Call to Order
 - a) Attendees: Kristen Chesak, Patrick Hershberger, Patrick Jouppi, Dana Wagner, Jared VanderWeele
- 2) Welcome Guests
 - a) None
- 3) Review Meeting Agenda
 - a) accepted
Review Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2023
 - i) accepted
- 4) Regular Business
 - a) Budget Report
 - i) No change at \$4,690.48
 - b) Kalamazoo Public Art Recommended sites
 - i) Water St Underpass
 - ii) Trim Salon/Dean's Building
 - iii) Ramp 3/City Park
 - (1) City of Kalamazoo has received these recommendations and is awaiting grant funding
 - c) Slices of Heaven Removal status
 - i) City of Kalamazoo awaiting on grant funding, and will be looking for removal and erection of new simultaneously
 - d) Al Laverge – sculpture recommendation
 - i) No update. With city funding coming available for Slices of Heaven, an open RFP for other artists is a likely solution, rather than sole sourcing a piece from the estate.
 - e) Public Art RFP review
 - i) Tabled pending further input on timing of City Funding and city language to be included
 - f) Pixelstix Fall plaque nominees.
 - i) Fall window has closed. Need to determine list during winter for Spring install. Target additional plaques ready for May 3, 2024 Art Hop
 - ii) Western is enthusiastic about participating
 - iii) Patrick Jouppi has circulated Western’s art catalog for Commission members to review for initial round of inclusion.
 - (1) Available related media story around art works is a primary selection criterion for Western’s material to be loaded on Pixelstix site
 - iv) Discussion of coordinating a Lynn Hotten art hop walking tour

- v) Target January Meeting to accrue Western nominations
 - g) City of Portage, Kalamazoo Institute of Art representatives
 - i) KIA – Kristen to reach out to Nancy Waldoch and Miriam Thomas
 - ii) City of Portage – Patrick Jouppi to contact city clerk (Erica Eckloff) for committee assignment
 - h) Emmett Till statue in Otsego
 - i) Patrick H. to invite Jim Herm to present at an upcoming commission meeting
 - i) KCPAC Membership forecast for 2024
 - i) Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer are all available for a change in leadership. A slate of officers will be proposed and voted on in January
 - ii) Artist-Position availability being confirmed with current member interest
- 5) Sub Committee Reports
- a) PixelStix
 - i) See discussion above about spring slate of new art
 - ii) Plaque on hand for Ellen Vandermyde piece in Portage
 - iii) Other interest from area artists and communities desiring these plaques to be added in Spring
 - b) Request for Monroe Building Mural Committee
 - i) Committee Members Selected and to be scheduling a review in December.
- 6) Round Table Discussion
- a) Bike Friendly Kalamazoo Art Committee Members
 - i) Artist recommendation responsibility role
 - ii) Location recommendation responsibility role
 - iii) Review RFP responses, vote, tally, and send to BFK
 - b) Kirk Newman remainder Art – show and sale tomorrow, December 1, noon to 8 at the epic center
 - c) September 2024 there will be a Kalamazoo City Mural Festival. Not clear on role KCPAC may have yet. Kristen to follow up.
- 7) KCPAC Next Meeting January, 2024, date TBD
- a) Proposed 4th Wednesday at 5:30. Location TBD
- 8) Adjournment