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Arts and Culture Commission

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Ed Pacht (Poet Laureate)
Nicole Lee
Marie Lejune
Sarah Rowe

Minutes

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 17, 2023 at

5:00 PM convening at the Parson Main Statue for the Historic/Art Walk

**Reconvening at 6:30 pm at the
Rochester Museum of Fine Arts – Rochester Community Center
150 Wakefield St**

I. Call to Order

Palana Hunt- Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:39pm

II. Roll Call

Shanna Saunders conducted silent roll call.

III. Membership

Anthony from Opera House had in the past offered a member of the Opera House as a potential member. Shanna will reach back out to him.

There was discussion about the potential for a Student Representative from Spaulding High School.

IV. Approval of minutes from March 15, 2023

A motion was made by Ashley Desrochers and seconded by Marie Lejune to approve minutes from the Arts and Culture Commission meeting held on March 15, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Historic and Cultural Master Plan

The Arts & Culture Commission members discussed having a specific art walk this summer since we only stopped by 1 mural at the Historic/Art walk because of the cold weather. The group agreed to have 2 groups for walk so everyone could hear.

There was discussion about having the Historic and Cultural Master Plan Surveys distributed at the Senior Center and potentially to the schools. Desktop posters are already up in many downtown businesses including Kris's frame store window. The survey is also up on the City of Rochester Website for Master Plan. Members also suggested targeted emails.

Historic and Cultural Master Plan can be added to the "Life in the Lilac City" Facebook Page.

VI. Paper Mural Map

The Commission was very interested in drafting a paper map for Art Walk. There was discussion about the potential for an interactive kids map with the potential for a treasure hut of sorts, perhaps make it colorable. The Commission wanted to commission an artist to draft one up. They asked Shanna to draft up an RFP to distribute to artists and art teachers.

A motion was made by Ms. Ebbeson to and seconded by Ms. Lejune to approve \$1000.00 from the budget to hire the artist and pay for printing. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Finalization of the Poet Laureate Book

Palana finished Poet Laureate Book. Price is expected to be \$4.00 per book.

A motion was made by Ms. Lejune to and seconded by Ms. Ebbeson to approve \$500.00 from the budget to print copies of the book for free distribution. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Other Business

- a. Concert in Commons – 8 Concerts – July, 6, 2023. See Recreation website.
- b. Art Awards – The Commission spoke about having the public nominate artists this year. The asked Shanna to put together a press release for nominations for the Art Awards. The commission discussed coming up with criteria.
- c. Mr. Pacht recited poem about "The Mountain Grows".

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Lejune made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 815 PM. Ms. Ebbeson seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.