

**February 20, 2023
Commission for the Arts
Royal Oak City Hall, Room 122
203 S. Troy Steet
7:30 PM – Regular Meeting
Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm.

Members present: CFA Chair Jason Gittinger, Jodie Ellison, Denise Reske, Melissa Behring, Laura Bonnell. Arrived a Few Minutes Late: Commissioner Pat Paruch, Alesha Beistline

Others Present: Jeremy Peckens, City Manager Fellow; Susan Barkman, Assistant to the City Manager; Jim Ellison.

2. Public Comment

No public comment

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda February 20th, 2023.

Motion by Jodie Ellison.

Seconded by Laura Bonnell.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Approved unanimously Approval of Minutes – [January 17 Meeting minutes](#)

Motion to approve of minutes January 17th meeting minutes.

Motion by Jodie Ellison.

Seconded by Laura Bonnell.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. New Business

A. Marlon Lara Porras- Temporary Art Exhibition

Marlon Lara Porras representing the Mexican Consulate spoke about the consulate and the potential for a moving art exhibit. The Commission is potentially interested in finding a temporary home for the exhibit at a city building or partnering with another organization within Royal Oak. June 8th is the start date, one male artist 2 female artists, art will be themed around violence against women. 10 pieces, 7 pieces will be painted 36x48 roughly, 3 will be sculptures/physical pieces. Hours of operations would be our normal business hours.

Commission for the Arts spoke about the logistics of the proposed rotating art, city staff will explore possibilities with the DDA and OCC.

B. March Meeting Date.

Due to a conflict with the City Commission meeting, the Commission for the Arts meeting will reschedule the next meeting to March 21, 2023. City staff will make sure to update any publications of the new meeting time.

C. Baptized in Dirty Water Update.

City staff presented an update to the previous Art Explored piece Baptized in Dirty Water. Commission discussed how they would like to move forward and was in favor of relicensing the piece.

Motion to approve city staff to gather necessary documents required for relicensing without exceeding \$1000 in payment.

Motion by Alisha Beistline

Second by Mellissa Behring

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Old Business:

A. Monthly Budget Update.

City staff provided an update on the current balance.

7. Subcommittee/Program Reports:

A. Artist Laureate Update.

City staff provided an update and plans to open up applications in March.

8. General Announcements:

A. MML Roberts Rules of Order Training April 12 6pm.

B. Piano project.

Chair Jason Gittinger gave an update and expressed that he is planning Saturday May 20 potential painting day. He will be coordinating the acquisition of pianos and plans to have the community paint them all in one place. There were some talks about a potential larger music garage sale that would take place simultaneously. The commission brainstormed about potential locations within the downtown.

9. Social Media.

A. Sharing the Warmth Social Media Campaign

i. Wrapping up weather permitting

10. Adjournment at 8:54pm

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Denise Reske

Seconded by Laura Bonnell

Motion passed unanimously.