

Arts Board Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
February 06, 2024

An Arts Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 06, 2024 at 7:00 PM at City Hall - Executive Conference Room, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Councilman Mark Bliss

Chair Michael Covert

Alianna Dorsey

Laurie Geraldts

Jillian McBride

Steven Dombrowski

Vita Palazzolo

Harley Mordarski

Jennifer Nagle

Sue Popp

Absent:

Council Alternate Bill Mier

Jason Theodoroff

Motion by Bliss Second by Palazzolo to Excuse Councilman Mier and Jason Theodoroff

Aye: All

Nay: None

Motion Carries

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Motion by Palazzolo to second by Bliss to Add Item 15 Review Mission Statement

Motion by McBride second by Bliss to add item 16 Collaboration with the Historical Commission

Motion Bliss Second by Palazzolo to add item 17 Collaboration with Library Board

Aye: All

Nay: None

Motion Carries

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes - November 1, 2023

Motion by Bliss, Second by Dombrowski to approve the agenda as presented.

Aye: All

Nay: None

Motion Carries

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No Public Present

REPORTS

2. Treasurer Report: Arts Board - \$6,180.12, Trail of Treats- \$146.45. Trail Tunes - \$2,333.68
3. Social Media Report: The Facebook account currently has 1,300 members. There has been low activity since the last meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. Gala Recap (Gerals, Bliss, Dombrowski, Mordarski, Nagle) \$2,484.87 Profit
Various Board members spoke positively about this event. The subcommittee is currently evaluating dates for 2024. This year's proposed honoree is Lamphere alumni Natalie Malotke. The proposed theme for 2024 is Disco Fever. It was mentioned that the group would like to change the event name from "Art Gala" to "Art Prom". The subcommittee said that they will have a date selected by the next meeting.
5. Trail of Treats (Gerals, McBride, Theodoroff, Dorsey) October 19, 2024, Rain Date October 20, 2024
Gerals noted that the committee will change the event name from Trail of Treats to another name at the recommendation of the Human Rights Commission.

6. Trail Tunes (Bliss, Dombrowski, Palazzolo, Covert, Mordarski) August 24, 2024 3:00 PM-8:30 PM Rain Date August 27, to be determined.

Councilman Bliss mentioned that this event was able to be included in this year's Recreation Brochure. The subcommittee is planning to meet to discuss the details of the 2024 event and will bring an update at the next meeting.

7. Broadway Karaoke Dance Party (Bliss, Nagle, Mordarski) February 23, 2024 AAC Lunch Room

Nagle gave an update on the event; we have a date reserved and need to find sound equipment. Nagle requested that the board vote to approve seed money for snacks and to pay a DJ. Another member mentioned that we should reschedule the event due to it being so close and there having been minimal advertising for the event. The target audience for this event is 21 and under. Nagle agreed that this event should be rescheduled to March or April. Staff Liaison Owczarzak will email Nagle some available dates for those months.

Motion by Nagle second by McBride to authorize up to \$500 for this event which will happen on or before April 15th.

Aye: All

Nay: None

Motion Carries

8. Art and Pride (Nagle, Popp, McBride, Theodoroff, Dorsey) June 23, 2024 2-6 PM

Nagle gave updates on the event. She mentioned that we have a donation already for the event. And will work with city staff to ensure all proper permits are pulled for the event.

9. Disability Pride Month (McBride, Mordarski, Dombrowski, Palazzolo) July 2024

McBride gave an update on this event, the MILISC is looking to do it in another part of the state. They are looking to collaborate in the future. This year the Board opts to celebrate throughout the month rather than approaching it as a singular event. McBride knows a deaf artist who makes coloring books and might be interested in collaborating with the library. Gerald's mentioned that Healing Haven would potentially be a good partner for the event.

10. Amphitheater Grant, Consumers Energy Foundation (Dombrowski, Palazzolo, Theodoroff, Gerald's, Bliss)

The event may be delayed though still hoping to kick off with a festival in the park if the material is delivered. Trail Tunes might be the first event showcasing the bandshell.

Various Members gave their opinions on the move of the amphitheater. Putting some shaded areas in the seating area is recommended. It is recommended to put grass over parking spaces and plant shady trees. Owczarzak will bring something to scale to the next meeting. The group discussed where to place Trail Tunes bands once the bandshell is complete.

Motion by Gerald, Second by Dombrowski to reassess location and have another walkthrough and a scale drawing for the subcommittee to review. The subcommittee can make final recommendations without having to come to the Arts Board.

Aye: All

Nay: None

Motion carries.

11. 2024 DIA Inside Out Program (Owczarzak)

No New Updates.

12. Goodfellows Gift Drive Recap (McBride, Nagle, Popp, Dorsey)

McBride has an update on this event. It went really well, the Committee didn't have a total, but they had a trunk full of goods to be able to deliver. Looking to have a registry at next year's event.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Civic Center Hopscotch

Board will reach out to Eve to see if she is willing to touch up the hopscotch mural at Civic Center Park. Sue Popp also mentioned that she might touch them up.

14. Park Mural Maintenance Plan

Motion by Gerald Second by Dombrowski to allow up to \$1000 to be held for Mural Touch Up.

Aye: All

Nay: None

Motion Carries

15. Review Mission Statement (Bliss, Gerald, McBride, Palazzolo, Dombrowski)

Palazzolo brought up that it has been a while since the Board has reviewed the statement. The Board discussed and decided not to make changes.

16. Collab with Historical Commission (Mordarski, McBride, Covert)

The Historical Commission wanted to see if the Arts Board was interested in participating in the event accompanying the reopening of the Heritage Rooms titled History of Music in Madison Heights and Beyond. The rooms will be open to the public for the first time since COVID. The Music History presentation will cover music from The Temptations to Taylor Swift. It will be 6-7:30 on April 22nd. The location would be in the AAC Room and Council Chambers. The presentation is 30 minutes with a 15-minute Q&A.

Motion by Mordarski, Second Dombrowski to collaborate with the Historical Commission.

Aye: All

Nay: None

Motion Carries

17. Collab with the Library Commission

The Board spoke on how great the library has been as a community partner. Nagle noted that we should keep them in mind as potential partners for future projects.

ADJOURNMENT 8:18 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 30th @ 7:00 PM

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