



**CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS**  
**CITY HALL - MADISON ROOM, 300 W. 13 MILE RD.**  
**ARTS BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**MARCH 06, 2025 AT 6:30 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. **Approval of Minutes**

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**REPORTS**

2. **Treasurer Report (Mordarski)**
- 3. Social Media Report (Nagle)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

4. **Board Composition & New Members**
- 5. Arts Prom 2025 (Gerald, Bliss, Nagle, Covert, Juska-Svoba, King)**
- 6. Skelebration Trail (Gerald, Dorsey)**
- 7. Trail Tunes 2025 (Bliss, Palazzolo, Aaron, Mier)**
- 8. Civic Center Hopscotch (Gerald)**
- 9. DIA Inside|Out 2025 (Gerald, Nagle, King, Juska-Svoba)**
- 10. HREC Cookbook Collaboration (Nagle)**
- 11. High Schooler City Hall Art Exhibit (King, Aaron)**
- 12. Summer Concert Series (Aaron, Bliss, Gerald, King)**
- 13. Arts Board Merch (King, Covert, Aaron)**
- 14. Bandshell Utilization Subcommittee (Gerald, Covert, King, Mier)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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ARTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 22, 2025 AT 6:30 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER 6:31**

**ROLL CALL**

**Toya Aaron**

**Mark Bliss**

**Michael Covert**

**Ali Dorsey (absent)**

**Laurie Geraldts**

**Regina Juska-Svoba**

**Susie King**

**Bill Mier**

**Harley Mordarski, Staff Liaison**

**Jennifer Nagle**

**Vita Palazzolo (absent)**

**Sue Popp**

**Motion by Geraldts, Second by Aaron to excuse Vita Palazzolo and Ali Dorsey.**

**Yea: All**

**Nay: None**

**Motion Carries**

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

Mordarski will follow up with the Clerk's office about acceptable forms of board resignation (Messenger, Facebook, Email, etc.) Mordarski will also follow up with the library regarding the MISILC Disability Pride Event.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Aaron, Second by Nagle to approve November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting minutes.**

**Yea: All**

**Nay: None**

**Motion Carries**

## MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

### REPORTS

#### 1. Treasurer Report (Mordarski)

Mordarski read off the treasurer's report from the meeting packet. There were no questions.

#### 3. Social Media Report (Nagle)

Nagle reported that interactions are trending downward. Mordarski recommended that Nagle post meetings online to increase resident engagement.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 4. Arts Prom 2025 (Geralds, Bliss, Nagle, Covert, Juska-Svoba, King)

Due to quorum requirements, a member needed to temporarily step down from the committee, at least until Board appointments. The event is scheduled for May 16th, 2025. Mordarski reviewed the Arts Board composition, noting that quorum is defined as more than half of the board. Alternate members can serve on subcommittees but do not count toward quorum since they are not full voting members. Bliss will follow up with the City Clerk to confirm the number of board members. Bliss also suggested hosting a Wicked-themed prom featuring a singalong, marketing around a green carpet and Oz-related puns, and leveraging the popularity of Wicked. The event's guest of honor, Natalie Malotke, is a Broadway choreographer. The subcommittee will meet to discuss further.

#### 5. Skelebration Trail (Geralds, Dorsey)

No updates.

#### 6. Trail Tunes 2025 (Bliss, Palazzolo, Aaron, Mier)

Event planned for September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Otherwise, no updates.

#### 7. Arts and Pride (Nagle, Dorsey, Popp)

The event is planned for Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-6 pm at Civic Center Pavilion B. There is no rain date scheduled. Nagle has filed the pavilion paperwork. Popp asked if funding will increase for the event, and Nagle noted that this event is usually funded by sponsors, so the subcommittee should discuss a sponsorship plan.

#### 8. Civic Center Hopscotch (Popp, Geralds)

Geralds said that the subcommittee is waiting for more information from Eve come spring.

#### 9. DIA Inside|Out 2025 (Geralds, Nagle, King, Juska-Svoba)

The Board approves the DIA's selections. The DIA will send out a Community Partners Training soon. Mordarski asked Mier if the Baseball painting will affect Little Baseball in any capacity and

asked who owned the building the artwork will be placed on. Harley will send specs to Superintendent Dale Steen to ensure Lamphere Schools are still supportive of hosting a piece on their property.

#### **10. HREC Cookbook Collaboration (Nagle, Popp)**

Nagle will go to the next HREC meeting to discuss this project. She would like to create a box to bring to various Arts Board events that would allow residents to drop their recipes in the box. Nagle further defined the scope of the project by stating that the HREC wants a creative individual to help with layout, photography, and cover for the cookbook

#### **11. High Schooler City Hall Art Exhibit (King, Aaron)**

King is waiting to hear from the principal at Madison and Lamphere.

#### **12. Summer Concert Series (Aaron, Bliss, Geraldts, King, Popp)**

The summer concert series lineup has been finalized with four bands scheduled to perform:

- Circle of Sound (R&B Funk) on July 9<sup>th</sup>
- Five Lakes Metro Brass (Classical) on July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Weekend Comeback (Pop/Rock) on August 13<sup>th</sup>
- Dr. Smith (Oldies) on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Each concert will take place from 7:00 pm to 8:00/8:30 pm. Bliss recognized Aaron for her help in compiling the band list. Bliss will also reach out to potential sponsors such as Amoris Liquor (Lamphere Graduates), and Ricky Busler, as recommended by Covert. Additionally, Frank Rewold & Sons, as well as Nowak & Fraus, have expressed interest in sponsoring a night, so Mordarski will follow up to determine their preferred date. Mordarski clarified that sponsors will have a dedicated night to distribute promotional items.

Bliss will request each band to start their set with a specific song from the year the city was founded. Mordarski will check with the Active Adult Center about using their lunchroom facility as a backup rain location as an indoor contingency plan. Lamphere High School's auditorium remains an option, though it involves a cost.

#### **13. Arts Board Merch (King, Covert, Popp, Aaron)**

Covert talked to resident artist Jennifer Ramirez, and she is interested in designing an adult shirt for the group. Covert confirmed Jennifer's interest and recommended a scalable design that could be adapted for various types of merchandise. Discussions took place regarding different shirt styles and design elements. It was noted that a larger budget would allow for more options. Covert also suggested that the design should include a logo, represent Madison Heights, highlight the arts, and incorporate an anniversary theme. Aaron volunteered to take the lead on the project. The committee will return with suggestions.

#### **14. Baile Folklórico Performance 2025 (Mordarski, King)**

Mordarski emailed Baile Folklorico de Detroit twice and the Mexican Consulate of Detroit once. She received no response.

#### **15. Bandshell Utilization Subcommittee (Gerals, Covert, King, Mier, Popp)**

Gerals reported that dueling pianos are too expensive, so alternative options are still being discussed. Definite plans include a mic night or karaoke on two Wednesdays in July, with an estimated cost of \$200. There is also interest in hosting a DJ-led line dancing event. King also suggested an immersive experience for the Deaf community. Recreation is considering an outdoor movie but may be busy with summer camp, though Gerals inquired about the possibility of a screening on August 20<sup>th</sup> after summer camps are finished. The library will not host stories in the park due to hosting story strolls at Rosie's and Civic Center Park. Bliss suggested comedy or open mic nights if other events cannot be scheduled.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **16. Work Plan Update**

The Board reviewed the work plan and made small updates and corrections that will be reviewed by the City Council at the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **17. Board Elections**

**Motion by Gerals, Second by Aaron to nominate Covert for Chair, Aaron for Vice Chair, and Nagle for Social Media.**

**Yea: All**

**Nay: None**

#### **Motion Carries**

All members accepted nominations. Bliss noted that to have admin access to the Arts Board Facebook, the member must be an official officer of the Board.

#### **18. Group Photo**

The group took an updated group photo.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

### **ADJOURNMENT at 8:02 pm**

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3/6/25 Meeting

**\$5,000.98 Arts Board Escrow (705-000-299-0000)**

- \$200 reserved for Eve for painting the mural
- \$100 reserved for supplies for the mural
- \$1,000 reserved for the Park Mural Maintenance plan
- \$500 reserved for the Broadway Karaoke Dance Party
- \$250 reserved for the Gala supplies and donations
- \$246.75 reserved for the Arts and Pride
- \$600 reserved for winners of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Madison Heights T-Shirt Design
- Unassigned
  - \$2,104.25 (NOT including summer concert series, which is \$2,000, but covered by sponsors)
- Changes:
  - \$500 donation from Nowak & Fraus for the summer concert series

**\$2,397.56 Trail Tunes Escrow\* (705-000-298-3007)**

- Changes:
  - \$489.43 sponsorship from Ima Noodles that was in PayPal but hadn't yet been transferred

| Information  | Members   |   |
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|  | Current   | Past  |
| <a href="#">Agenda and Minutes - CURRENT - May 2022</a>  |   |   |
| <a href="#">Minutes 2017 - April 2022</a>  |   |   |
| <a href="#">Apply for Board</a>  |   |   |
| <p><b>Meeting Frequency:</b><br/>As needed</p> <p><b>Term Lengths:</b><br/>Citizen Members 3 year terms &amp; Student Members as willing or until graduation</p> <p><b>Number of Positions:</b><br/>11 Voting Members (10 Citizen Members and 1 Council member, 3 Student Members (ex-officio), 3 Citizen Alternates, 3 Student Alternates, 1 Council Alternate &amp; City Manager/designee ( Ex-Officio). Alternate members can serve as non-voting ex-officio members when all members are present</p> | <p><b>Toya Aaron</b><br/>Position: Member<br/>Term End: 08/31/2026</p> <p><b>Michael Covert</b><br/>Position: Member - Chair<br/>Term End: 08/31/2026</p> <p><b>Laurie Gerald</b><br/>Position: Member<br/>Term End: 08/31/2027</p> <p><b>Susanna King</b><br/>Position: Member<br/>Term End: 08/31/2027</p> <p><b>Vita Palazzolo</b><br/>Position: Member<br/>Term End: 08/31/2027</p> <p><b>Ali Dorsey</b><br/>Position: Student (Madison)<br/>Term End: 08/31/2025</p> <p><b>VACANT Position</b><br/>Position: Student Member<br/>Term End: 08/31/2025</p> <p><b>Veda Wrona</b><br/>Position: Alternate<br/>Term End: 08/31/2027</p> <p><b>VACANT Position</b><br/>Position: Student Alternate<br/>Term End: 08/31/2025</p> <p><b>VACANT Position</b><br/>Position: Student Alternate<br/>Term End: 08/31/2025</p> <p><b>Bill Mier</b><br/>Position: Council Representative Alternate<br/>Term End: 11/10/2025</p> | <p><b>Ahnalee Basler</b><br/>Position: Member<br/>Term End: 08/31/2025</p> <p><b>Brian Davis</b><br/>Position: Member<br/>Term End: 08/31/2026</p> <p><b>Regina Juska-Svoba</b><br/>Position: Member<br/>Term End: 08/31/2027</p> <p><b>Jennifer Nagle</b><br/>Position: Member<br/>Term End: 08/31/2025</p> <p><b>Keaton Soto-Olson</b><br/>Position: Member<br/>Term End: 08/31/2025</p> <p><b>VACANT Position</b><br/>Position: Student Member<br/>Term End: 08/31/2025</p> <p><b>Timothy Walker</b><br/>Position: Alternate<br/>Term End: 08/31/2026</p> <p><b>Sandie Young</b><br/>Position: Alternate<br/>Term End: 08/31/2027</p> <p><b>VACANT Position</b><br/>Position: Student Alternate<br/>Term End: 08/31/2025</p> <p><b>Mark Bliss</b><br/>Position: Council Representative<br/>Term End: 11/10/2025</p> <p><b>Harley Mordarski</b><br/>Position: Staff Liaison<br/>Term End: N/A</p> |