

## Rock Island Arts Commission Agenda

Rock Island City Hall, 1528 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

Council Chambers, third floor

February 23, 2023

5:30 PM



1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Brett Hitchcock    Jodie Kavensky    Pat Stolley    Carolyn Krueger    Amber Williams  
Brandy VandeWalle    Andrzej Kozlowski    Aubrey Barnes    Wesley Julien

2. Public Comment

3. Opening Items

A. Approval of the Written Agenda for February 23, 2023.

*Recommended Motion: Move to approve the written agenda for February 23, 2023.*

B. Approval of the January 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

*Recommended Motion: Move to approve the meeting minutes for January 18, 2023.*

4. Old Business

*None*

5. New Business

A. Discussion of the 2023 Arts Action Plan.

B. Approval of the 2023 Arts Action Plan.

*Recommended Motion: Move to approve the Arts Commission recommendation of the 2023 Arts Action Plan.*

6. Other Business

*None*

7. Adjournment

*Recommended Motion: Move to adjourn.*

## Rock Island Arts Commission Minutes

Rock Island City Hall, 1528 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Council Chambers  
January 18, 2023  
5:30 PM



<b>Voting Members Present</b>	Brett Hitchcock Amber Williams	Carolyn Krueger Pat Stolley	Jodie Kavensky Aubrey Barnes	Brandy VandeWalle
<b>Voting Members Absent</b>	Andrzej Kozlowski	Wesley Julien		
<b>Staff Present</b>	Kathryn Douglass, Tanner Osing			
<b>Visitors</b>	Kevin Maynard	Jack Cullen	Dylan Parker	

### Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Brett Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

### Approval of the Agenda

Jodie Kavensky moved to approve the agenda for January 18, 2022. Carolyn Krueger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

### Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Carolyn Krueger moved to approve the minutes for November 9, 2022. Brandy Vandewalle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

### Old Business

*None*

### New Business

#### Discussion of the 2023 annual Arts Action Plan

The Arts Services agreement with Quad City Arts will go to the City Council on January 23<sup>rd</sup> to be approved, after which Quad City Arts will have a formal Arts Action Plan outlining the art programming and services they will provide in 2023. Kevin Maynard told the commission that he is still drafting the Arts Action Plan document, but it would include the annual Sculpture Program, the Metro Arts Mural Program, and the Chalk Fest at Schwiebert Park. Additional ideas Mr. Cullen suggested included repainting existing Rock Island murals and repainting scratched city-owned sculptures.

The Arts Commission asked Mr. Maynard about the possibility of doing a Rock Island Gallery Hop event like what was done in the past. He did not think that was possible at this time. The commission also asked about how Quad City Arts will be expanding awareness of Rock Island events, business, and artists. He told the commission about the new "Artist Index" that is now available on their public website. It is searchable by artist and medium, and lists contact information for the artist.

#### Discussion of the Arts Alley Redesign

Jack Cullen provided general ideas for the redesign of Arts Alley to the Arts Commission. He explained that the photos that were presented to the public were those used in the grant application and were not intended as a final concept for the area. Vendor stalls and infrastructure improvements are included in the final concept, but murals, lighting, and signage are topics needing input from the Arts Commission and the public. The timeline for the artwork design has not been determined yet. Mr. Cullen was asked about the vendor stalls. He answered that programming and vendor stalls usage in the alley will be managed by the Downtown Partnership. He was then asked about the rental of the Arts Alley space itself. That space would be controlled by the City. The discussion then moved to types of murals that could be added to Arts Alley and their life expectancy. Further Arts Commission and public input will be welcomed when that phase of the redesign is reached.

**Other Business**

*None*

**Adjournment**

Chair Brett Hitchcock asked for a motion to adjourn. Jodie Kavensky moved to adjourn. Amber Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0 at 6:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kathryn Douglass.



Art Program Services Annual Work Plan 2023

**Public Sculpture Program 2023-2024:**

**Timeline:**

**Q1:** Call for Sculpture is open and Quad City Arts is actively advertising the call and reaching out to artists.

**Q2:** Submitted Sculptures are organized into a digital database and distributed to the Arts Commission. The Arts Commission, with the assistance of Quad City Arts, select sculptures and sculpture locations. Quad City Arts coordinates and executes the de-installation of the previous year's sculptures, and the installation of the current year sculptures.

**Q3:** Ensure sculptures have new plaques and are uploaded onto the Quad City Arts website (<https://www.quadcityarts.com/public-sculpture.html>), City of Rock Island website, and the QC Public Art Trail (<https://visitquadcities.com/start-exploring/qc-public-art-trail>)

**Q4:** Open Call for Sculpture for the 2024-2025 season.

On this project we will be collaborating with the Rock Island Arts Commission, City of Rock Island, and Visit Quad Cities

**Summary:**

Rent three or four new sculptures.

This year the Arts Commission will determine whether we rent three or four sculptures, which sculptures to rent, and where to place them within the City of Rock Island. Currently there are three locations, but we could easily find/create a fourth option.

**Total Estimated Expenditures for Public Sculpture (4 Sculptures): \$9,800**

**Total Estimated Expenditures for Public Sculpture (3 Sculptures): \$7,900**



## **Quad Cities' Chalk Art Fest 2023: June 24 – 25, Schwiebert Park:**

### **Timeline:**

Q4 2022: Planning begins which includes reserving the park, booking the bands, ordering supplies, etc.

Q1: Planning continues, and artist sign-up begins.

Q2: Chalk Art Fest is held in Rock Island! Over \$1,500 in cash prizes will be awarded, 6+ local bands will be paid to perform, and thousands of people will gather in Downtown Rock Island.

Q4: Planning begins for Quad Cities Chalk Art Fest 2024

On this project we will be collaborating with the Rock Island Arts Commission, Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, City of Rock Island, and Visit Quad Cities.

### **Summary:**

Quad City Arts will host our annual Chalk Art Fest, a two-day event, in Schwiebert Park. This event is free to attend and includes live music, live chalk art (including a youth category), and a community art piece. Artists can participate for free and are provided an event shirt and their first box of chalk at no cost.

This year we are exploring ways to activate 18<sup>th</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, in addition to Schwiebert Park.

**Total Estimated Expenditures for Chalk Art Fest: \$12,550**

**Total Estimated Allocation from Art Services Agreement: \$4,000**

(This costs covers the cost to rent Schwiebert Park, and ~15% of the total cost to pressure wash)



## **Metro Arts Youth Apprenticeship Program 2023: Replacing the Mural on the Centennial Bridge Visitor's Center:**

### **Timeline:**

Q1: Planning continues, and applications are available online.

Q2: Planning continues, and the Metro Arts Youth Apprenticeship program begins.

Q3: Metro Arts Youth Apprenticeship program ends with a final showcase of the year's program hosted at a venue in Rock Island.

Q4: Planning for the 2024 program begins. This includes finding suitable lead artists, accessible program concepts, writing grants, finding donors, etc.

On this project we will be collaborating with the Rock Island Arts Commission and Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce.

### **Summary:**

During the 2023, program Quad City Arts will have up to three projects located in Rock Island.

The mural currently located on the backside of the Centennial Bridge Visitor's Center, will be replaced. The design concept will be lead and approved by the Arts Commission.

Although not funded through this agreement, Metro Arts will also be completing a mural inside NEST Café during the 2023 program.

**Total Estimated Expenditures for Metro Arts (Centennial Bridge Project only): \$10,000**

**Total Estimated Allocation from Art Services Agreement: \$3,500**



(Current Mural – Faded and the MDO it has been painted on is deteriorating)

### **Additional Services:**

1. Quad City Arts will continue to look for additional funding opportunities for the City of Rock Island
  - a. As part of this agreement and an ongoing commitment to placemaking and public art, Quad City Arts will work with the Rock Island CED Department to share potential funding opportunities, like grants. In addition, Quad City Arts will make recommendations and share perpetual funding mechanisms for the arts used in other communities.
  
2. Quad City Arts will explore the funding needed for council recommended projects, so they may be included in the 2024 City of Rock Island budget discussion.
  - a. Alderman Dylan Parker has been an active participant in public art forums and present at Arts Commission meetings, and has provided the following suggestions:
    - i. Establish a fellowship program that allows for an artist to review municipal property, present options to activate or otherwise enhance said properties through public art, including a stipend to do so.
    - ii. Develop or redevelop real estate locations where artists can live and work affordably.
    - iii. Implement attractive gateway features at key entrances to downtown.
    - iv. Develop a residency and/or programming plan including appropriate policies, for the DeSoto Arts Building.

### **Total Estimated Expenditures for Additional Services: \$7,500**

(This is an estimated cost for the staff time needed to research and develop programs)

### **Additional Public Art: Not Included in the Art Services Agreement**

All costs associated with this project are not being taken from the Art Services Agreement, but this is a large project that Quad City Arts will be working on with the Arts Commission in the City of Rock Island.

On this project we will be collaborating with the Rock Island Arts Commission, Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, City of Rock Island, and the residents of Rock Island.

During 2021, Quad City Arts assisted Jack Cullen (QC Chamber of Commerce), Streamline Architects, and others with public art ideas that were incorporated into the Downtown Rock Island redesign and part of the two grants that were submitted.

During 2023, Quad City Arts will work closely with the Arts Commission to complete the public art concepts that receive funding. Quad City Arts and the Arts Commission will work to get input and feedback from the community with an emphasis on those living and working in the area the art will be located.

**Expenditure Summary:**

The total cost of this annual work plan to Quad City Arts is more than the **\$20,000 budgeted** under this Art Services Agreement. The remainder is being made up through our operating budget, soliciting sponsorships, and grant writing. Throughout this agreement Quad City Arts will continually collaborate and partner with the Rock Island Art Commission, Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, Visit Quad Cities, and more. As we embark on major public art installations Quad City Arts will determine a method that will encourage and use feedback from the residents and business owners.

**Total Estimated Expenditures\*:**

<b>Public Sculpture Program:</b>	<b>\$9,800</b>
<b>Quad Cities Chalk Art Fest 2023:</b>	<b>\$12,550</b>
<b>Metro Arts Youth Apprenticeship Program:</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b><u>Additional Services:</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,500</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$39,850</b>

**Total Allocated Expenditures from Art Services Agreement\*:**

<b>Public Sculpture Program:</b>	<b>\$9,800</b>
<b>Quad Cities Chalk Art Fest 2023:</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Metro Arts Youth Apprenticeship Program:</b>	<b>\$6,200</b>
<b><u>Additional Services:</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

\*Aside from Additional Services, these expenditures do not include staffing costs.