

## Rock Island Arts Commission Agenda

Rock Island City Hall Council Chambers, third floor

1528 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201

August 16, 2023

5:30 PM



1. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - Brett Hitchcock
  - Jodie Kavensky
  - Pat Stolley
  - Carolyn Krueger
  - Amber Williams
  - Brandy VandeWalle
  - Aubrey Barnes
  - Meghan Hollister
2. Public Comment
3. Opening Items
  - A. Approval of the Written Agenda for August 16, 2023  
*Recommended Motion: Move to approve the written agenda for August 16, 2023.*
  - B. Approval of the June 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes  
*Recommended Motion: Move to approve the meeting minutes for June 21, 2023.*
4. Old Business
  - None*
5. New Business
  - A. Discussion on the consolidation of the Arts Commission and the Beautification Commission.
6. Other Business
  - None*
7. Adjournment
  - Recommended Motion: Move to adjourn.*

**Rock Island Arts Commission Minutes**  
Rock Island City Council Chambers, third floor  
1528 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201  
June 21, 2023  
5:30 PM



<b>Voting Members Present</b>	Carolyn Krueger Jodie Kavensky Brandy Vandewalle Pat Stolley Amber Williams Meghan Hollister
<b>Voting Members Absent</b>	Brett Hitchcock Aubrey Barnes Wesley Julien
<b>Staff Present</b>	Kathryn Douglass
<b>Guests</b>	Kevin Maynard, Executive Director of Quad City Arts

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Vice Chair Carolyn Krueger called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and read the roll call.

### **Public Comment**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Jodie Kavensky moved to approve the agenda for June 21, 2023. Pat Stolley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0.

### **Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes**

Pat Stolley moved to approve the minutes for May 17, 2023. Jodie Kavensky seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

#### **Update on the design of the new mural for Centennial Bridge building**

Staff presented a slide show with photos of the three designs that were offered by Metro Arts students. Reviewing the designs were staff, two commissioners, and a local artist. One design was chosen, with some slight changes, for Rock Island's new mural. Also, Kevin Maynard will vet the Native American symbols by representatives of the Sauk and Fox tribes. The students included a dove in the mural to recognize a friend lost to gun violence. A press release was sent out by Quad City Arts about all the Quad City murals being painted. Kevin Maynard also let the commission know that there is a mural going up inside Nest Café in Rock Island.

**Other Business**

Jodie Kavensky noted that the new sculpture located at the Five Points intersection looks great and is very visible. She also mentioned that the annual Girl Parts Project call-for entry will be starting.

Kevin Maynard told the commission that the Rock Island Chalk Art Fest at Schwiebert Park is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>.

He also told the commission that "Rebuild Rock Island" for the downtown, will have a press release that staff can forward to the commission. There will also be public meetings and input involved.

Carolyn Krueger reminded the commission that the Artist Market is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>, next month.

**Adjournment**

Vice Chair Carolyn Krueger asked for a motion to adjourn. Jodie Kavensky moved to adjourn. Amber Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0 at 5:56 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kathryn Douglass.



## Art Program Services Annual Work Plan 2023 Quarter 2 Update

### **Public Sculpture 2023-2024**

#### ***Summary of Project:***

*The Quad City Arts Public Sculpture Program places sculptures in public places on a rotating basis. Annually sculptures are installed in June. The City of Rock Island will have four sculptures in 2023.*

#### **Quarter 2 Update:**

Quad City Arts coordinated with the artists and the City of Rock Island to install the sculptures selected by the Rock Island Arts Commission. The new sculptures were added to the Quad City Arts website (<https://www.quadcitiesarts.com/public-sculpture.html>) and updated on the QC Public Art Trail on the Visit Quad Cities website (<https://visitquadcities.com/start-exploring/qc-public-art-trail>). Additionally, the media was notified with multiple press releases.

**Total Expenditure for Public Sculpture: \$9,800**



(Above Sculptures were installed in June 2023 and will remain on display until June 2024)

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

#### ***Summary of Project:***

*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.*

#### **Quarter 2 Update:**

Quad City Arts' hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad Cities Chalk Art Fest in Schwiebert park. This event garnered a lot of attention from the media (<https://www.kwqc.com/2023/06/25/artists-gather-7th-quad-cities-chalk-art-festival/>) and had over 120 artists participate. Attendance surpassed 5,000 attendees which is down slightly due to the incredibly hot weather. We also awarded over \$1,900 to local artists, not including the local musicians who were paid to play.

**Total Expenditures for Chalk Art Fest: \$12,667**

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

(This cost 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.**

### ***Summary of Project:***

*During 2023, the mural currently located on the backside of the Centennial Bridge Visitor's Center, will be replaced. The design concept will be led and approved by the Rock Island Arts Commission.*

### **Quarter 2 Update:**

Quad City Arts hired all of the apprentices for the project and coordinated with the lead artist to meet with the Rock Island Arts Commission to determine content. The apprentices created three designs and presented them to members of the commission. They then completed the project selected.

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

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



(New Mural installed July 2023)

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

### ***Summary of Project:***

*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.*

### **Quarter 2 Update:**

Quad City Arts staff and Jack Cullen met with a group of City employees to discuss the overall project timeline along with updated concepts. Quad City Arts is also working closely with Streamline Architects on the budgeting portion regarding public art.

**Expenditure Summary:**

**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 Expenditures from Art Services Agreement in Quarter 2:**

<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>\$3,500</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>
<b><u>Additional Services:</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

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.

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

**Memorandum**

**Community and Economic Development Department**

**To:** Arts Commission and Beautification Commission

**Subject:** Commission Consolidation

**Date:** August 14, 2023



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The City of Rock Island has had an Arts Commission (AC) and Beautification Commission (BC) for many years. Both bodies advise the City Council on activities and programs related to their subject areas. Specifically, the AC is responsible for overseeing the City's Arts Services Agreement with Quad City Arts and providing input on other arts activities. The BC recognizes and promotes the beautification of the City through different awards including Yard of the Month and Community Garden Certificates. Overall, the responsibilities of both groups are connected when considering their importance on placemaking and improving the quality of life for residents.

Staff has spent time reflecting on this connection and believe that consolidating the AC and BC would be beneficial for residents, commissioners, and staff. In short, a new Arts & Beautification Commission (ABC) would be a nine (9) member body that would assume the responsibilities of both commissions. Staff recognize that this commission would have different and distinct areas of expertise, but ultimately believe that melding is possible since both groups share a common goal in making Rock Island a better place to live.

Additionally, staff believe consolidation would ensure continued knowledge building and promote greater commission activity. The AC typically has regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year while the BC meets seasonally. A consolidated commission will result in more frequent meetings thus allowing for more learning opportunities and hopefully develop a community leadership pipeline for commissioners. Additionally, the Planning & Zoning Division is fully staffed for the first time in over four (4) years and consists of three (3) full-time staff members: Planning & Zoning Manager, Urban Planner, and GIS Specialist. Staff desire to get back to more frequent and proactive planning activities given this capacity, and believe that a consolidated commission will be a dynamic group for staff to work with as a partner.

Lastly, this memo along with a draft of the establishing ordinance will be presented to both the AC and BC. Staff hope to have a discussion with both bodies regarding the proposal and to include any feedback in a memo that will go to the City Council. Staff is also proposing that the consolidated commission go into effect after the first of the year in 2024. This will allow ample time to make new appointments and administratively prepare for the consolidation. The ordinance is expected to go before the City Council for consideration in September.

**Submitted by:** Kathryn Douglass, GIS Specialist  
Tanner Osing, Planning & Zoning Manager

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS TO CONSOLIDATE THE ARTS  
COMMISSION AND THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION INTO THE ARTS &  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND,  
ILLINOIS:

**Section One:** The City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the community that the Arts Commission and the Beautification Commission be combined into a single public body. This new body shall adopt all of the functions and responsibilities of the two bodies functioning in an advisory capacity.

**Section Two:** Chapter 14, Article IV “Arts Commission” is hereby removed and reserved.

**Section Three:** Chapter 11, Article III “Beautification Commission” is hereby removed and replaced in its entirety as follows.

Article 3: Arts & Beautification Commission

Sec. 11-51. Creation of Commission:

There is created an Arts & Beautification Commission to assist the City in the planning and development plan of arts and beautification programming as well as coordinate activities which encourage private individuals to invest in the same. The Commission shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council. Five (5) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. The Commission members shall be broadly representative of the community with knowledge of the visual and performing arts, landscape architecture, horticulture, ecology, and the environment.

Sec. 11-52. Duties of Commission:

The Arts & Beautification Commission shall possess advisory powers unless otherwise delegated by the City Council. The Commission’s duties shall include:

- A. Soliciting community input on the arts and beautification programming;
- B. Advising the Mayor and City Council on matters to do with arts and beautification;
- C. Acting as a liaison between the City, agencies, associations, and residents relative to programs and activities;
- D. Making recommendations on the development of new programs and activities;
- E. Monitoring and evaluating programs and activities

Sec. 11-3. Officers:

The Commission shall have a Chair and a Vice chair elected by the Commission who shall each serve a term of one (1) year and shall be eligible for reelection.

The Chair shall preside over meetings. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair. If both are absent, a temporary Chair shall be elected by those present. A staff liaison from the Community & Economic Development Department shall serve as Secretary to the Commission and be responsible for preparing and publishing agendas and meeting minutes.

**Sec. 11-54. Meetings:**

The Commission shall schedule regular meetings on a monthly basis. Meetings may be cancelled for lack of business. Additional meetings may be called when needed. All meetings shall be run in accordance with the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order as well as all applicable local, state, and Federal codes.

**Sec. 11-55. Terms of Appointment:**

- A. The Commission members shall be divided into three (3) groups and initially appointed for terms of one (1), two (2), and three (3) years respectively. Thereafter, members shall be eligible to serve three (3) year terms. Members may serve two (2) consecutive terms (including the initial appointment term) before being required to take at least one (1) year off of the Commission. They may thereafter serve again.
- B. During the interval between appointments, any vacancy occurring on the Commission shall be filled by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council. Each member chosen to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term being occupied.
- C. A member may be removed from the Commission, with or without cause, by a two-thirds (2/3<sup>rds</sup>) majority vote of the Commission. Any member who does not attend at least two-thirds (2/3<sup>rds</sup>) of the meetings in any twelve (12) month period (or, if not in office for the entire period, such portion of the period that the member was in office) shall be automatically deemed to have resigned from the Commission unless waived by the affirmative two-thirds (2/3<sup>rds</sup>) majority vote of the Commission.

Secs. 11-56 through 11-70 reserved.

**Section Four:** The membership of both the Arts Commission and the Beautification Commission, now dissolved, is hereby invited to seek appointment to the Arts & Beautification Commission.

**Section Five:** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they do so conflict. All references to either the "Arts Commission" or the "Beautification Commission" is hereby replaced with "Arts & Beautification Commission" wheresoever such references appear in City codes, ordinances, and regulations.

**Section Six:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY CLERK

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