

Rock Island Arts Commission Minutes

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



Voting Members Present	Brett Hitchcock Amber Williams	Carolyn Krueger Pat Stolley	Jodie Kavensky Aubrey Barnes	Brandy VandeWalle
Voting Members Absent	Andrzej Kozlowski	Wesley Julien		
Staff Present	Kathryn Douglass, Tanner Osing			
Visitors	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 23rd 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 replied that currently destinations might be a challenge for that type of event. 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.