

Rock Island Arts Commission Minutes

Rock Island City Hall, 1528 3rd Avenue

Lower Level Conference Room

June 8, 2022

5:30 PM



Voting Members Present	Brett Hitchcock Amber Williams	Carolyn Krueger	Brandy VandeWalle	Pat Stolley
Voting Members Absent	Jodie Kavensky	Joedy Cook	Stacey McIntosh	Dawn Wohlford-Metallo
Staff Present	Miles Brainard	Kathryn Douglass		
Visitors	Jack Cullen	Tara Malnar		

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Brett Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Approval of the Agenda

Carolyn Krueger moved to approve the agenda for June 8, 2022. Pat Stolley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 5 to 0.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Amber Williams moved to approve the minutes for May 11, 2022. Brandy VandeWalle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 5 to 0.

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion with Jack Cullen about renovations coming to Arts Alley

The discussion started with information from Jack Cullen about the grant received for renovations to Arts Alley. He emphasized the need to get public input from the arts community on the renovations. The commission volunteered to place a link to Jack's blog and QR code for the public survey in the Rock Island Artist's Facebook page.

The discussion then turned to including artist vendor stalls in Arts Alley. The commission fully embraced the idea. The commissioners told Jack Cullen that at past public meetings, when people were asked what art event they enjoyed and missed most, the answer was "Gallery Hop". This event allowed many artists to not only sell their art, but present their talents to the public.

Jack said the Arts Commission would be activated for their input on future Arts Alley renovation concepts as well. He then added that the "Rebuild Downtown" grant had been applied for the pedestrian mall area and plaza in the downtown.

Later much of the discussion turned to the proposed downtown Rock Island SSA. The subjects of how a SSA works and what it would be used for in the downtown area were talked about. Uniform decorative street lighting and new sidewalks were a couple of examples. Event programming, marketing, and even area cleanups would also be included. This discussion was very helpful in answering questions for all the commissioners, and especially for those who own a downtown business.

Opening of the first 2022 Artist Market this weekend

Kathy Douglass reported that the upcoming weekend will be the first of three Artist Markets for 2022. Brandy VandeWalle distributed post cards to pass on to others, advertising the market days and hours.

Discussion and vote on theme for Metro Arts vinyl window art

Brandy VandeWalle suggested using the theme "Watch Us Grow". There was a short discussion. Carolyn Krueger moved to use the theme "Watch Us Grow" for the Metro Arts vinyl window art. Amber Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 5 to 0.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Chair Brett Hitchcock asked for a motion to adjourn. Brandy VandeWalle moved to adjourn. Carolyn Krueger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 5 to 0 at 6:48 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kathryn Douglass.