

Rock Island Arts Commission Minutes
Rock Island City Council Chambers, third floor
1528 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201
November 15, 2023
5:30 PM



Voting Members Present	Carolyn Krueger Jodie Kavensky Brandy Vandewalle Amber Williams Pat Stolley
Voting Members Absent	Meghan Hollister
Staff Present	Kathryn Douglass Tanner Osing
Guests	Kevin Maynard

Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair 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 November 15, 2023. Amber Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 5 to 0.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Jodie Kavensky moved to approve the minutes for September 20, 2023. Carolyn Krueger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 5 to 0.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Update on Arts Alley project

Kevin Maynard updated the commission on the next steps in the renovation of Arts Alley, specifically the two new murals which will be placed on the east and west sides of the alley. A call for artists will go out for qualifications the first of the new year. He and Jack Cullen are working with the Chamber and the building owners on their preferences for the designs. The commission asked about how the murals will be attached to the building walls, and about life expectancy of the new murals.

Discussion on the 2024 Annual Arts Action Plan

Kevin Maynard provided a quick overview of the 2024 Annual Arts Action Plan. He did not have information currently on the budget for 2024. He said he would assume Metro Arts, the Sculpture Program, and Chalk Fest would be included in 2024.

Kevin asked the Commission if there was anything they would like to be sure to include in the plan. Jodie Kavensky noted that in 2023 Quad City Arts services cost more than was budgeted by the City. Kevin Maynard said that other sponsors contributed to cover the difference. Carolyn Krueger mentioned that at previous public meetings the public commented that they would like to see a Gallery Hop/Rock the Arts come back to the downtown. Other commissioners added the event brought in many people to the downtown and they would also like to see the event brought back. Kevin Maynard asked that the notes from the public meetings be forwarded to him to review. Staff said a copy of the notes would be emailed to Kevin. Kevin asked that if a fee should be charged to artists for use of empty building front space during such an event. Several commissioners thought that they thought most owners of empty building front space would be willing to allow an artist to use it for the event for free. Kevin Maynard said he would include a Gallery Hop type of event and the costs in the 2024 Action Plan for the commissions review.

Other Business

Carolyn Krueger asked that staff bring information on the current balance in the Arts Commission Revenue account to the December meeting. The commission also discussed moving a sculpture in Lincoln Park which is being repeatedly damaged to a different location. Jodie Kavensky asked that the commission consider finding a new location. Carolyn Krueger suggested moving it to the R.O.W. on 14th Avenue next to the new Artery.

Staff told the commission members that the new combined Arts and Beautification Commission was approved by City Council and invited the current members of the Arts Commission to apply to serve on the new commission.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Krueger asked for a motion to adjourn. Pat Stolley moved to adjourn. Jodie Kavensky seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 5 to 0 at 6:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kathryn Douglass.