

ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	Tuesday, February 7, 2023
PLACE:	Zoom and Gordon Room
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

NAME	PRESENT	PRESENT (ARRIVED LATE)	ABSENT
John Ahearn	X		
Marilynne Bradley	X		
Kathie Cahoon	X		
Beth Corelli		X	
Alex Elmestad	X		
Dottie Englis	X		
Rob Longstreet	X		
Judith Mann	X		
Patrick Murphy	X		
Jan Shapiro	X		

ALSO PRESENT

Director of Public Affairs & Engagement, Jenny Starkey
Mayor of Webster Groves, Laura Arnold

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the January minutes.

AYES: AHEARN, BRADLEY, CAHOON, ELMESTAD, ENGLIS, LONGSTREET, MANN, MURPHY, SHAPIRO

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: CORELLI

The minutes were approved.

SCULPTURE PARK

The Parks Department received our letter and suggested waiting a bit to name the garden after Gerry Welch. They do not have a policy or application process in place and would like to develop a formal process and guidelines for people wanting to name parks or portions of a park after someone. Mr. Murphy and Ms. Bradley will speak to Parks Commission and ask for their guidelines to be developed so that the name could be applied for and effective by a certain date.

BUDGET REQUEST

Ms. Starkey will research the cost of new banners and we can request this amount in addition to the same funds we've received previously.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

Signs: In the process of moving forward

Poetry Month: They will hold three events – one is likely to be a Poetry Slam. They will talk with Dwight Bitikofer about this. The next event would either be a haiku event or some sort of Poetry event with Novel Neighbor. A children's event at the library will likely be the third event.

Lifetime Achievement in the Arts: Ideas that have been discussed include Bob Cassilly or Jane Smiley.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Buck has suggested our involvement with a mural at Schnarr's Hardware. As it is a private business, we will wait to see if Schnarr's seeks out our involvement in the project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.