



MEETING MINUTES

ARTS COMMISSION

MEETING DATE:	Tuesday, May 2, 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		
Beth Corelli			X
Alex Elmestad			X
Dottie Englis	X		
Rob Longstreet	X		
Judith Mann	X		
Jan Shapiro		X	
Maude Trost	X		

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Bradley motioned to approve the minutes, Ms. Mann seconded. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Maude Trost is a new member of the Arts Commission and the Commission went around the table introducing themselves to Ms. Trost.

VISITOR/NEW BUSINESS

Community member Ron Zager spoke to the Commission interested in getting the street near the sculpture park renamed for Gerry Welch. The Commission updated Mr. Zager on previous efforts to have the Garden named after her. Ms. Starkey will reach out to the Parks Commission to re-ignite those talks.

POETRY MONTH

Events for poetry month were very successful. There was no commission representation at the songwriter event. In the future we can arrange a schedule ahead of time to ensure that at least one Commission member attends every event.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS

The Commission decided to approach Bob Cassily's family about him receiving the award in 2023. If for some reason his family is unable to be reached, we will approach the family of Dan Stevens.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:

BUDGET REQUEST: Budget requests are moving forward. Eric will attend the next meeting to explain the budget process and the information behind the Arts Fund.

BANNERS: Mr. Elmestad has pulled together an initial draft of a form to send to arts organizations asking for donations for the banners projects. We will discuss more in the June meeting.

OTHER ISSUES: Mayor Arnold encouraged everyone to fill out the Balancing Act survey for budget feedback. She updated some of the information about improvements to the Crossroads District to help make the area more pedestrian friendly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.