

A Regular Meeting of the Arts Council Sub-Committee was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:00PM.

Chair Sebastian called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were Sub-Committee Members Carmody, Hemmingway, Hansen, and Board Chair Sebastian.

Absent was Sub-Committee Member Coffelt, Schrader, and O'Connell.

Also Present was Director of Parks, Recreation & Events, Cagle.

Board Member Hemmingway moved to approve the agenda of January 9, 2024, regular meeting be approved as written; seconded by Board Member Carmody, passed unanimously.

Board Member Hemmingway moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2023, regular meeting be approved as written; seconded by Board Member Carmody, passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None.

Unfinished Business

5.1 The group discussed the positive feedback received regarding the Whoville in the Pocket Park project. Director Cagle informed the group of the interest in theming the park for each Holiday throughout the year. The group discussed plans for Valentines Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, 4th of July, and Halloween.

5.2 The group discussed feedback on the Cookie Cutter Ornament Class held on 12/12/2023. Director Cagle received a few photos of completed ornaments. The subcommittee hopes to hold this class again in 2024.

5.3 Discussion was had on hosting a Polar Plunge to help raise funds for the Arts Council and future projects. Director Cagle recommended hosting this event in late 2024 or early 2025 to allow adequate time for planning. The group agreed.

New Business

6.1 Director Cagle discussed 2 main events for 2024 Arts Council; Art in the Park, 4th Annual Grand River Color Tour Triathlon. These events are set to be approved

at the next Council Meeting. Board Member Hemmingway moved to hold Art in the Park on Saturday, June 8, 2024 with a Craft Show from 9am-2pm and Arts on the island from 11am-2pm; Seconded by Board Member Hansen, passed unanimously. The Annual Grand River Color Tour Triathlon will be held the first Saturday of October (10/5/2024).

6.2 Board members went through the Arts Closet, planning for 2024 classes and events. The following 2024 schedule was discussed tentatively:

February: Valentines Day Pocket Park

March: Create a Bookmark social media post for March is Reading Month. St. Patrick's Day Pocket Park, Easter Pocket Park

April: Photo Contest

May: TBD

June: Art in the Park – June 8

July: Chalk Fest

August: TBD

September: Downtown Scarecrow Contest

October: Pumpkin Carving Class/Pocket Park

November: TBD

December: Ornament Class

Public Comments

None.

Correspondence

Next Meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2024 at 6:00PM

Adjournment

Board Member Hemmingway moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 P.M.; seconded by board member Carmody, passed unanimously.