

A Special Meeting of the Arts Council Sub-Committee was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 on Saturday, July 11, 2023.

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

Present were Sub-Committee Members Carmody, Hemingway, O'Connell and Board Chair Sebastian.

Absent was Sub-Committee Members Hanson, Coffelt & Schrader.

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

Board Member Hemingway moved to approve the agenda of July 11, 2023, regular meeting be approved with the addition of 5.3 Chalk Fest, 5.4 LEAP Grant Discussion, & 6.3 Bike Rack Discussion; seconded by Board Member O'Connell, passed unanimously.

Board Member O'Connell moved to approve the minutes of May 27, 2023, regular meeting be approved as written; seconded by Board Member Hemmingway, passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None.

Unfinished Business

5.1 Chair Sebastian led a recap discussion on Open Mic Night. Discussion was had involving the need for more people/participants. Hemmingway mentioned connecting with Sam Colegrove and advertising the event as not just music. O'Connell suggested partnering with the schools or teen center. Hemmingway discussed the idea of moving to Hamlin Square or Island Park to avoid conflict with Craft Co. again.

5.2 Chair Sebastian led the group in a recap discussion about the 2023 Art in the Park Event at G.A.R. Island Park. Hemmingway explained that the overall event was a huge success – the clay wheel seemed to spark major interest. Hemmingway discussed storing the wheel at the Welcome Center. Director Cagle explained that the 2024 event would fall on June 8, 2024 following the same schedule.

5.3 Chair Sebastian led a recap discussion on the 2023 Downtown Chalk Fest. Carmody stated the event was a huge success, with lots of participation up until the rain began.

5.4 Board Member Hemmingway updated the group that he did not submit the grant for LEAP due to not qualifying.

New Business

6.1 Chair Sebastian led a discussion on the upcoming 3rd Annual Grand River Color Tour Triathlon. Director Cagle informed the group of 4 registrations to this point. Sebastian recommended posting the Triathlon to Playmakers. O'Connell recommended posting the race to 517 Community Living on Facebook.

6.2 Board Member Hemmingway discussed the idea of adding a sculpture style bike rack somewhere in town. He showed an example of a Fish Bike Rack to the group. Hemmingway brought up the idea of posting to social media to find a artistic style welder in the area.

6.3 Board Member Hemmingway updated the group on Water Color Paintings at Black Dog Coffee. The next event is scheduled for July 21st at 5:00PM.

Public Comments

None.

Correspondence

Next Meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2023 at 6:00PM

Adjournment

Board Member O'Connell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 P.M.; seconded by board member Carmody, passed unanimously.