



## MINUTES

### OXFORD PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION OF OXFORD

Municipal Building 15 South College Ave. Oxford, Ohio 45056 First Floor Conference Room

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 AT 4:15 PM**

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#### **Approval of Agenda**

Date: 12/11/23 Location: Municipal Building first-floor conference room

Time of Meeting: 4:15 pm Staff Present: Jessica Greene

Members Present: Amber Franklin, Carole Katz, Joe Squance, Bob Benson, and Tarah Trueblood

Quorum Achieved: x Yes No

Called to order by: Bob Benson at 4:15 pm

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Bob Benson

2nd: Carole Katz

Any modifications: None

Vote: Unanimous

#### **Approval of Minutes**

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Motion: Amber Franklin

2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Benson

Any modifications: None

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1. Minutes from the November 11, 2023 meeting

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

## **New Business**

Joe Prescher and Jay Schute gave a presentation about public art in town in the alley that leads to Mac and Joe's. The concept is an immersive experience with a beehive design painted onto the two walls facing each other. This would point to a possible Oxford branding idea as well as an arts festival idea. Artists have permissions from the building owners. The alley would be a large-scale installation. Idea is floated to, at certain points of the year, cover the top of the alley in a beehive and paint the street as a beehive. Possibility to add light as well as audio of bee sounds. This could be or should be paired with an education campaign regarding Oxford's history as the home of modern beekeeping.

There have been discussions with the business owners of CJ's and Mac and Joe's to continue all the way back, possibly incorporating images of Langstroth, his house, or beehives, etc.

Jay's art could be used to link pieces together, etc.

Lifetime of a mural is estimated at ten years. Application of the mural is about two weeks.

Bee festival is on the city's radar for 2025. Completion of mural could be done by spring of 2024.

Possibilities for \$ support:

PACO could put out an open call for art and select Joe's proposal. We have ~\$10,000 on hand. We could investigate other grants. We can prioritize proposals if we get a lot of good ones. Uptown is subject to the historical society, HAPC.

(Note: Graffiti covering attracts car exhaust. We may need to ask for traffic to be closed in that alley.)

## **Motion to draft a sample call for mural art for review in January**

Motion: Amber Franklin

2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Benson

Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion - Proposed public art grant and locations for 2024
2. Select 1st, 2nd choice locations
3. Determine what kind of art to solicit

4. Outline call for art parameters and budget

## **Adjournment**

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Motion: Carol Katz

2<sup>nd</sup>: Tarah Trueblood

Vote: Unanimous