



OXFORD CITY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 1, 2022
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Full Transcript available upon request.

Roll Call TIME 00:00

William Snavelly Mayor	Chantel Raghu Vice Mayor
Jason Bracken	Amber Franklin
Alex French	Glenn Ellerbe
David Prytherch	

A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor William Snavelly on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were David Prytherch, Alex French, Jason Bracken, Chantel Raghu, Glenn Ellerbe, and Amber Franklin.

Staff Members in Attendance

Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Ms. Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. Ben Mazer, Assistant Law Director; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Mr. Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; Mr. Geoff Robinson, Police Lieutenant; and Ms. Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council.

Pledge of Allegiance [TIME 00:08](#)

Approval of the Agenda [TIME 00:32](#)

Motion – To Adopt

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

AYE #7

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Public Participation [TIME 00:50](#)

Proclamation- “World Town Planning Day” Page 6 of the Agenda Packet

Corey Watt, Planning Commission Chair, was in attendance to accept the Proclamation. Mr. Watt thanked Mayor Snavelly and the Council. Mr. Watt mentioned the work that Commissions and Committees do for the City. Mr. Watt encouraged everyone to attend a Planning Commission Meeting or a City Council meeting.

Proclamation- “Oxford Empty Bowls Day” Page 7 of the Agenda Packet

Connie Malone was in attendance to accept the Proclamation. Ms. Malone thanked Mayor Snavelly, Council, and City Staff. Ms. Malone also thanked the community for their continued support. Ms. Malone encouraged everyone to attend the Empty Bowls event on November 12, 2022.

Presentation - Oxford Community Arts Center Update (Heidi Schiller, Executive Director of the Oxford Community Arts Center) Ms. Schiller presented highlights from the past year and budget details. Ms. Schiller shared details about upcoming events. Ms. Schiller offered to answer any questions. Slides included in minutes.

Presentation - Managed Natural Lawn Update (Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager) Ms. Greene shared the Staff recommendation that Council votes no on the Tabled Ordinance and asks Staff to create a Resolution encouraging naturalized lawns and pollinator gardens. Paired with a robust education campaign that would be deployed in February 2023 in time for planting season. Ms. Greene offered to answer questions.

Public Comments

The purpose of the Public Comments Section is for members of the Public to speak to the City Council on any subject not scheduled on the Agenda, except Consent Agenda items. City Council values your comments, and Council rules limit public comments to five minutes for each person. Presentations are not to be in the form of public debate, personal attacks on Council, City staff or

other members of the public and Council shall not act except to direct the City Manager to take action or schedule the matter for discussion at a later date.

Rabbi Yossi Greenberg 111 East Spring Street Mr. Greenberg mentioned he had received several calls from parents, alumni, and locals asking about the safety of the Jewish Community in Oxford. Mr. Greenberg answered clearly that the Jewish Community was very safe in Oxford. Mr. Greenberg thanked the City of Oxford, Chief Jones, and the OPD.

Ann Fuhrer 1345 Dana Drive Ms. Fuhrer spoke on the homelessness issue and that prevention is the key. Ms. Fuhrer urged the City to do more, \$50,000 isn't enough.

Resident Name Address/ Resident Comment / Request

Consent Agenda [TIME 32:49](#)

All matters under the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any City Council member may, however, remove an item from consent by request. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Minutes of the October 18, 2022, City Council Meeting (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council) **Page 8 of the Agenda Packet**
- B. Minutes of the October 20, 2022, City Council Work Session Meeting (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council) **Page 17 of the Agenda Packet**

Motion – To Adopt

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

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Resolutions

Resolution No. 7442 [TIME 33:08](#)

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1. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit eligible projects to the Butler County Board of Commissioners for the 2023 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Year Application. (Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager)

Comments from the Public –

Ann Bailey 192 Stone Creek Drive Ms. Bailey asked Ms. Greene if the CDBG funds would be used beginning in 2023 and if it would be for one year.

Ms. Greene answered yes.

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7442

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. Franklin

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Resolution No. 7443 [TIME 36:16](#)

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2. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the Butler County American Rescue Plan Funds. (Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7443

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Mr. Prytherch

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Resolution No. 7444 [TIME 39:29](#)

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3. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Forestry, should the City of Oxford be selected to participate in the ODNR's Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Program.
(Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7444

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

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Resolution No. 7445 [TIME 40:39](#)

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4. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Best Equipment Co. for the purchase of specified equipment listed in Sourcewell Contract #031121-ODB dated October 11, 2022, for an amount not to exceed \$68,935.00 (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7445

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

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Resolution No. 7446 [TIME 42:28](#)

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5. A Resolution accepting the bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. for the reconstruction of parts of Walnut Street and to construct parking improvements for the College@Elm project at a cost of \$189,587.30 plus a contingency in the amount of \$18,958.73 for a total cost not to exceed \$208,546.03. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7446

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. Franklin

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Resolution No. 7447 [TIME 45:05](#)

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6. A Resolution determining the total cost of the assessment by lot, authorizing the list of assessments by lot to be filed with the Clerk of Council and ordering the same be opened for public inspection and authorizing the Clerk of Council to publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation that the list of assessments by lots is available for public inspection. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7447

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

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Ordinances

Ordinances are adopted using a two-step procedure. First reading introduces the Ordinance and provides an opportunity for public input on the subject as well as allowing Council to request more information as needed. Second reading is to provide Council with the opportunity to consider new information and to deliberate.

First Reading [TIME47:02](#)

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1. An Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Oxford, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Comments from the Public – None

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2. An Ordinance outlining budgeted advances for the City of Oxford, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Comments from the Public – None

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3. An Ordinance outlining budgeted transfers for the City of Oxford, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Comments from the Public – None

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4. An Ordinance to adopt fees and charges for the fiscal year 2023. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Comments from the Public –

Amy Shaiman *11 Heather Ridge Court* Ms. Shaiman asked how we can make sure the disadvantaged in our Community have the opportunity to connect with one another. Ms. Shaiman also asked about the toddler open gym fee and the aquatic center fees for additional children.

Mr. Wooddell answered that the toddler open gym is \$20 per year, but OPRD is not requiring that fee be collected this year. The aquatic center fees are based on a household of 4 the additional child fee is \$25 per child. Mr. Wooddell mentioned the scholarship program and criteria.

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5. An Ordinance establishing salaries and certain benefits for salaried and hourly full-time and part-time employees within the service of the City of Oxford, Ohio, paid from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. (Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager)

Comments from the Public – None

Second Reading

Ordinance No. 3694 [TIME 1:36:56](#)

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1. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3654 Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 8 to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2022. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Comments from the Public –

Motion – To Adopt Ordinance No. 3694

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Mr. Prytherch 2nd Ms. Raghu

AYE #7

Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. Franklin, Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Bracken, and Mayor Snively

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Ordinance No. 3695 [TIME 1:37:49](#)

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2. An Ordinance approving a six-month extension of the approved Final Subdivision and construction drawings, and amending a condition of the approved Final Planned Development, for South Farm Section IV. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Comments from the Public –

Motion – To Adopt Ordinance No. 3695

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

AYE #7

Ms. Franklin, Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, and Mayor Snively

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Tabled – 10.18.22 Ordinance No. 3693 [TIME 1:38:52](#)

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3. An Ordinance amending Chapter 935 trees, shrubs, and other plants by adding Section 935.191 Managed Natural Lawn Area. (Councilor Bracken) **(Tabled from 10/18/22)**

Comments from the Public –

Steve Sullivan 104 Marti Court Mr. Sullivan asked how making this an Ordinance vs. a Resolution would cost tax dollars. Mr. Sullivan mentioned not wanting to spend extra money. Mr. Sullivan noted the time, effort, and passion to craft this Ordinance. Mr. Sullivan shared that lots of people in town and community groups are committed to this Ordinance. Mr. Sullivan offered to volunteer to help with the enforcement and implementation of this program.

Peggy Branstrator 13 Meadow Circle Ms. Branstrator mentioned her involvement as a member of the Environmental Commission where this Ordinance started. Ms. Branstrator mentioned the reluctance of Staff making their job harder. Ms. Branstrator shared that she feels this Ordinance will make Staff's role easier because the Code Officer can ask the homeowner for their garden plan, shifting the burden of proof to the homeowner. Ms. Branstrator noted the Environmental Commission has resources to help homeowners and code enforcement officers; things could be referred back to the Commission or volunteer groups.

Antonio Alejandro 231 Western College Drive Mr. Alejandro added support to Mr. Sullivan's comments. Mr. Alejandro wasn't sure where the cost would be coming from as an Ordinance. Mr. Alejandro shared that he would be willing to volunteer as well.

Jon Ralinovsky 3 Peabody Drive Mr. Ralinovsky speaking as the Chair of the Environmental Commission, would really like to see this Ordinance passed.

Motion – To take Ordinance No. 3693 off the table.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Mr. Prytherch

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Announcements & Communications

Remarks from City Council and City Staff [TIME 01:59:53](#)

The comments expressed by individual members of Council or City staff during this portion of a City Council meeting do not necessarily reflect the views of the City of Oxford, The Oxford City Council, or the City staff.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 9:40 p.m. [TIME 02:10:26](#)

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. French

AYE #7

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Public Comment to Council Form

Print

Submitted by: Tyler Ankrom

Submitted On: 2022-10-19 18:56:53

Status: Open

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Doug Elliott

Due Date: Open

Public Comment To Council



Please note: Comments must be received by 2:00 pm the day of the council meeting to be shared with City Council members. Comments will be included in the minutes under the public comment section.

* **First Name**

Tyler

Enter your First Name

* **Last Name**

Ankrom

Enter your Last Name

* **Address**

410 South Main Street

* **City**

Oxfrod

* **State**

OH

* **Email**

ankromtr@miamioh.edu

Phone

3306189443

* **I am a...**

- ☐ Visitor
- ☒ Resident (i.e. must live within the corporate boundaries)
- ☐ Business Manager
- ☐ Business Owner
- ☐ Employee in Oxford
- ☒ Student
- ☐ Other

* **Comment(s)**

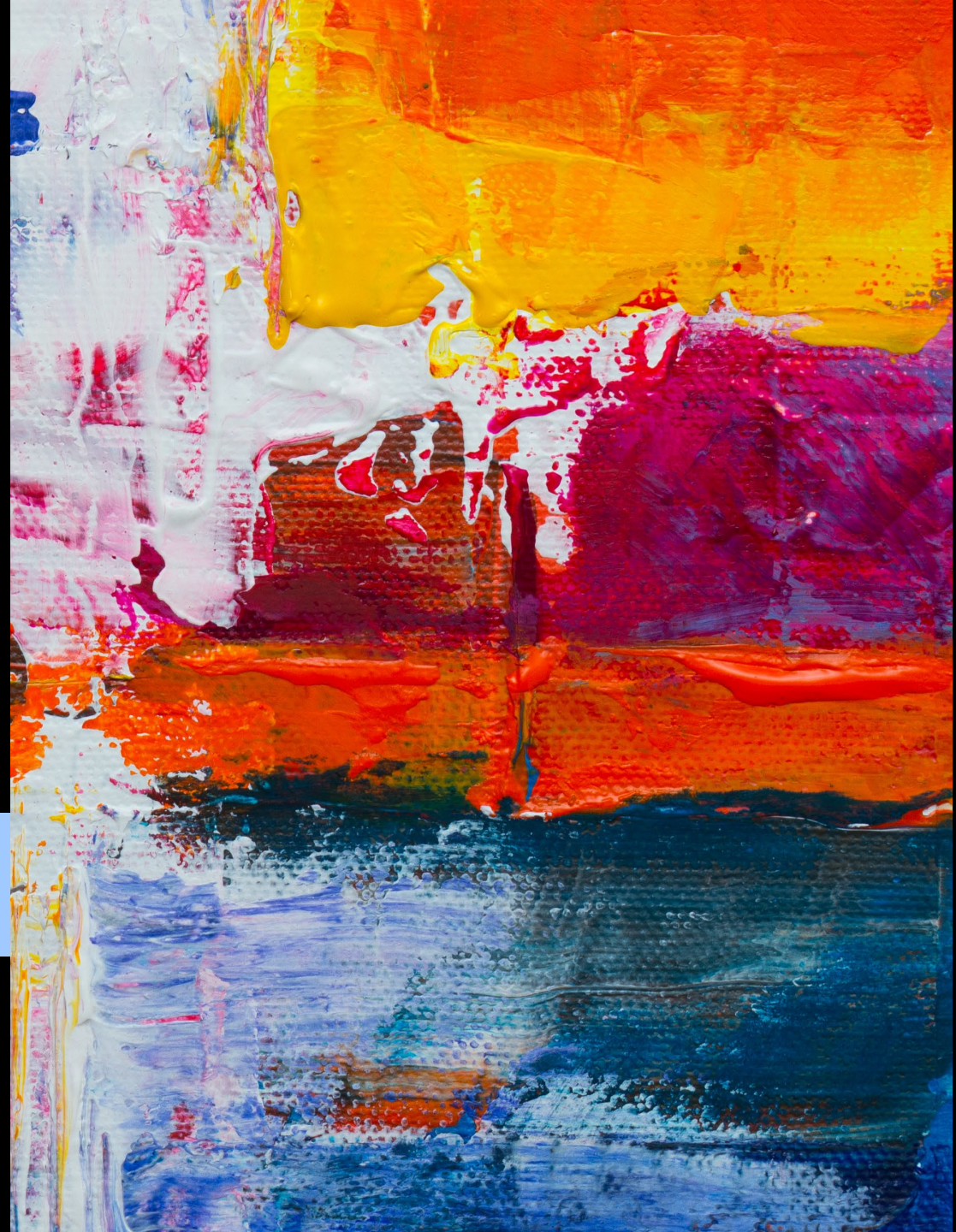
I would like to bring to the attention of the council the abusive practices of the parking police. I have never seen a city with more abundant parking act as if it was a precious

resource. It seems to me the main goal of this department is to create revenue for the city by unethical means. As the city council it is your job to control the department, please do your job..

Make a public comment for review by City Council

Oxford Community Arts Center

Protecting a Legacy ~ Promoting the Arts





Who We Are

The Oxford Community Arts Center is a nonprofit cultural asset for the Oxford community focusing on the arts, including fine art, photography, sculpture, writing, theatre, film, and dance. Our home is the 173-year-old Oxford Female Institute, a listed treasure on the National Register of Historic Places.

The **OCAC** serves as an imagination destination for the Greater Oxford area. Our model includes monthly celebrations of the arts, community engagement events that build a vibrant neighborhood, low-to-no cost live performances, classes to explore creativity, scholarships for youth, support for artists of all disciplines, and strong ties with enduring community partners.

CONNECT artists

Our Mission

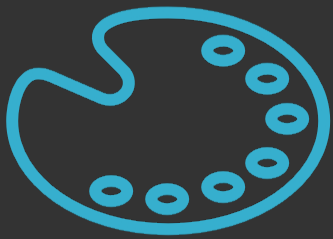
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community**

**ENRICH
lives**

**PRESERVE
history**

ENSURE future

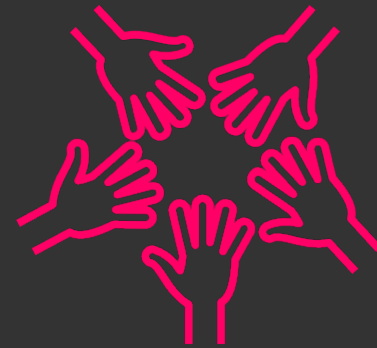
How We Connect



Exhibits



Events

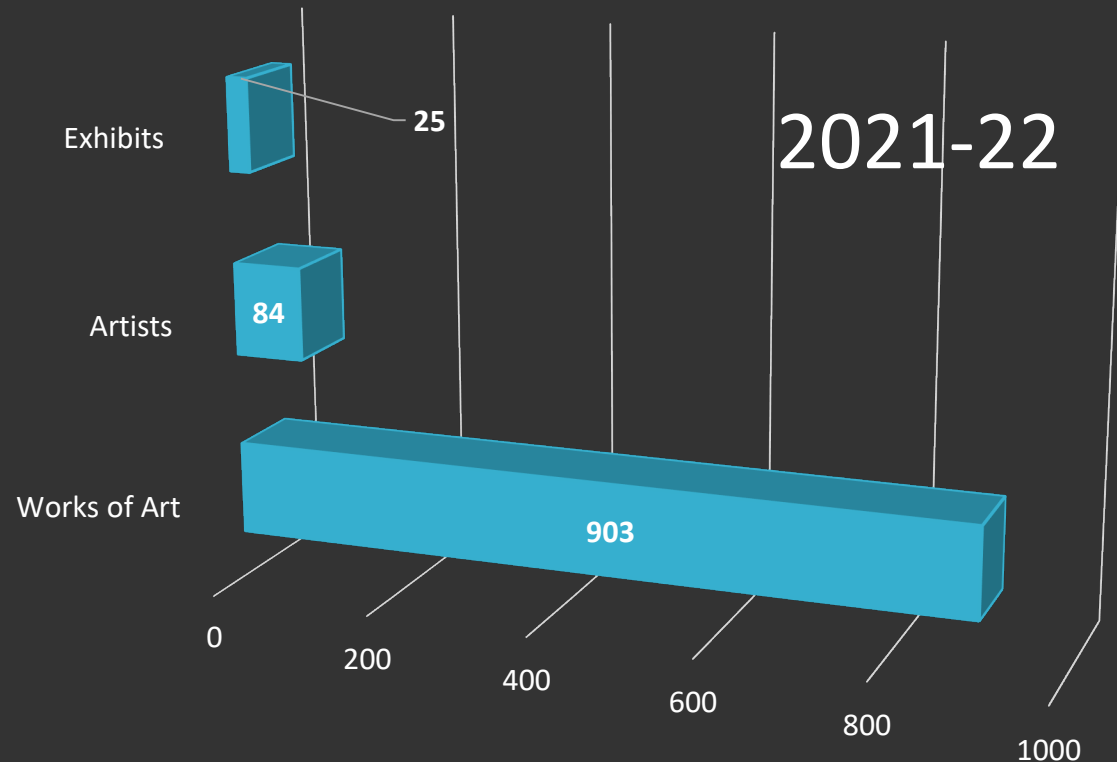


Engagement

Exhibits - Our Impact on Inspiration

The **OCAC** is home to 30 Resident Artists, each with their own studio, and the Art Shop Collective, which runs The Art Shop on the 1st floor.

OCAC curates monthly art exhibits, showcasing an average of 70 or more local and regional artists.



ART SHOP

locally crafted
art & gifts

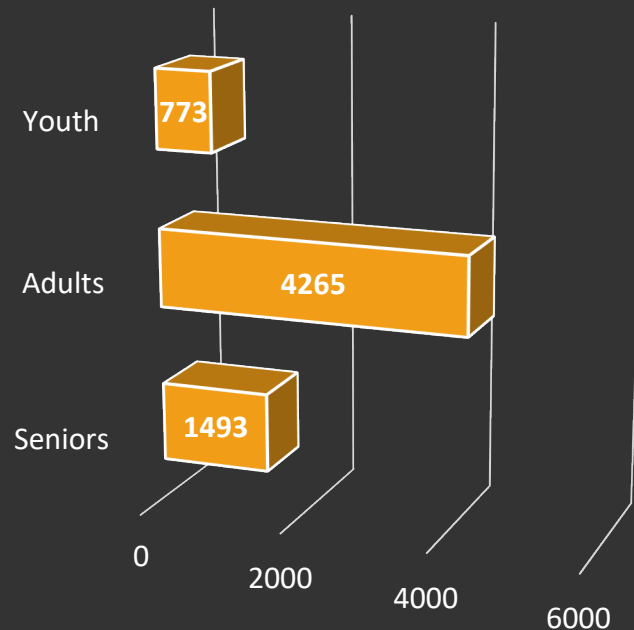




Events - Our Impact on Imagination

OCAC offers classes, workshops, and camps each year, embracing all the arts, including watercolor, drawing, writing, theatre, dance, crafts, and wellness.

OCAC presents over 20 live performances each season through the 2nd Friday Celebration of the Arts, Magic Carpet Family Performances, and 10SoCo Concerts.



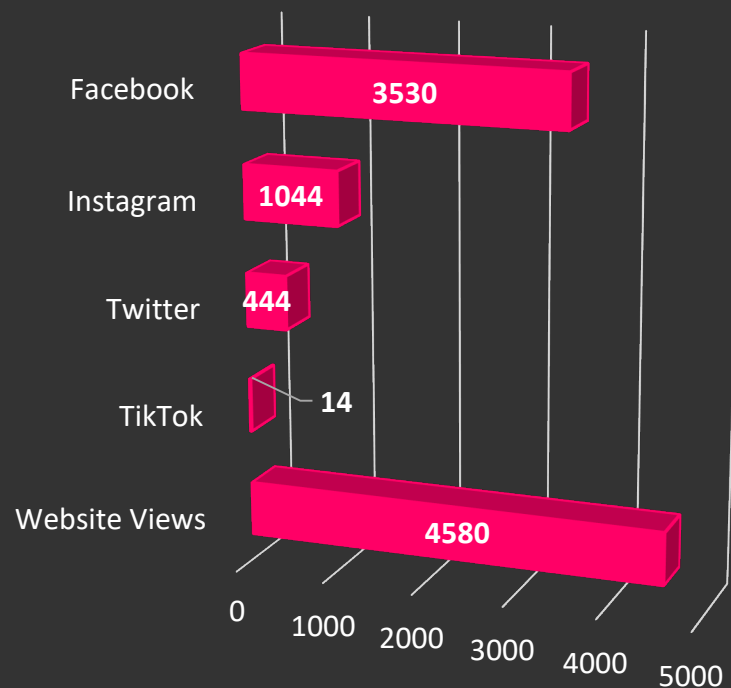
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Engagement - Our Impact on Community

OCAC brings our Oxford neighborhoods together through community engagement events, like **Howl at The Moon** and **Enchanted Winter**, and through community partnerships like **Miami Performing Arts Series**, **Oxford Empty Bowls**, **Holiday Fest**, **Chocolate Meltdown**, and more.





Support Starts With You

Donate

Give however you can. We are grateful for the generous support of our friends and fans. It's clear that OCAC is beloved in the Greater Oxford community.

Volunteer

Serve as a Board member, on one of 6 working committees, or at one of our community events. Join over 84 volunteers who understand that volunteering is vital to the health of the OCAC and a great way to connect.



Advocate

Promote events and happenings at the OCAC to your friends, family, service organization, hobby group, church, work, and social media channels.

Enjoy

Stop by any time to enjoy the latest art exhibit, take in a free movie in the theater, partake in the festivities of our 2nd Friday Celebration of the Arts, or savor in the peace and quiet of the Neyer Circle in our west gardens.



\$235,894

2021-22
Actuals

50%

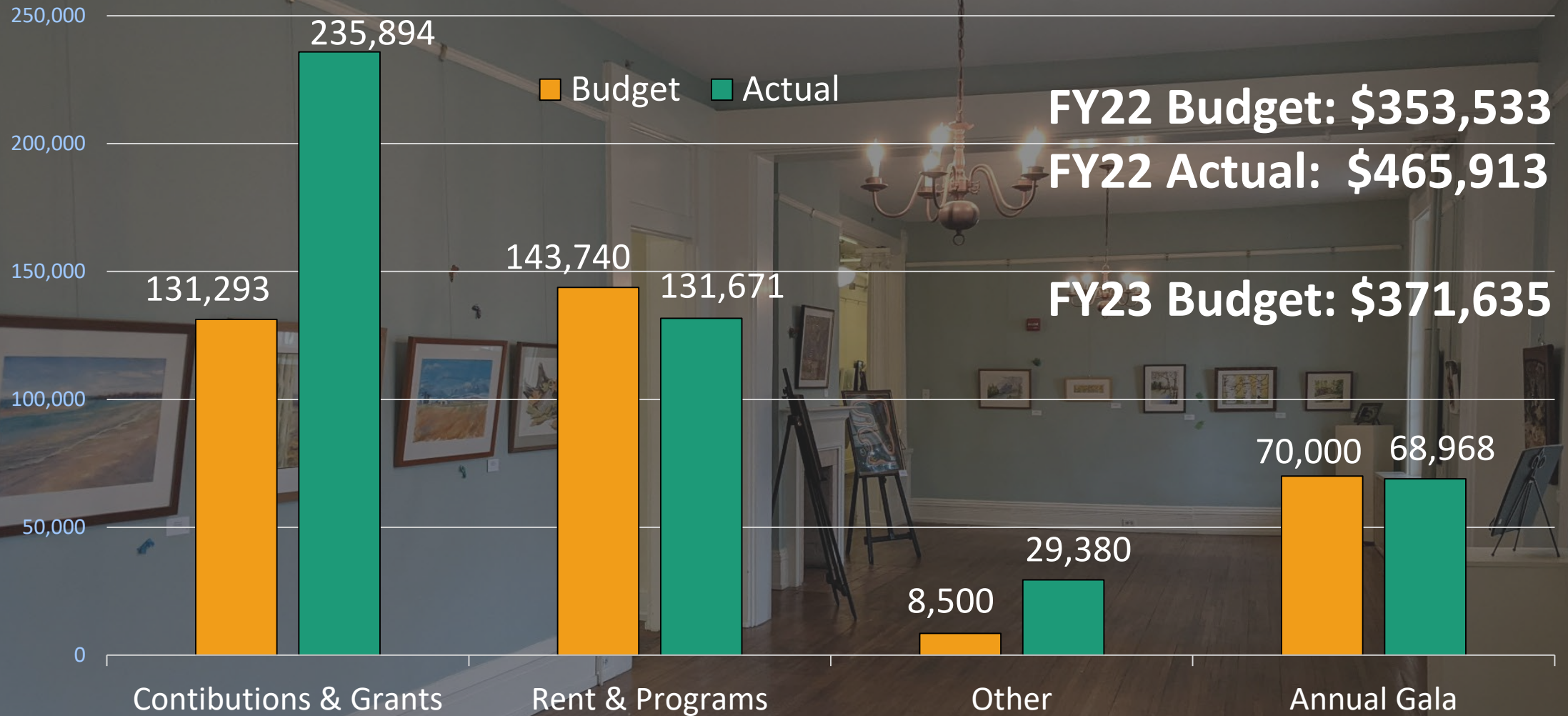
Unearned Income:
38% comes from contributions
12% comes from grants



\$68,968 GALA

15%

2021-22 Where We Stand



“

Nobody cares if you
can't dance well....
Great dancers are
great because of
their passion.

”

Martha Graham





Let's Get Social



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