

Public Arts Commission of Oxford
Oxford Municipal Building
First Floor Conference Room
August 10, 2021

Minutes of the meeting

Present: Steve Sullivan, Chair; Edna Southard, Vice-Chair; Robert Benson, Recording Secretary; Carole Katz, Norm Krumpke, Joe Prescher

1. The meeting of the Public Arts Commission of Oxford (PACO) was **called to order by Chair Steve Sullivan at 4:45PM.**

2. The **Agenda was approved.**

3. The **Minutes of the July 13, 2021 PACO virtual meeting were approved.**

4. Old Business

A. Discussion of Strategic Planning/Comprehensive Plan

Norm Krumpke has done some clean-up and added some comments to the documents on PACO's Google Drive site. PACO members were urged by Steve Sullivan to go to the Drive and review what Norm has done so everyone is on the same page.

One item that was brought up for review was the use of the terms "strategic" vs. "comprehensive" for this document. PACO wants to be consistent with what the City and Council are doing in terms of the new comprehensive plan.

We should plan to approve these documents at our September meeting.

B. Discussion of the Vision Draft.

Revisions made by Bob Benson after the July meeting have brought the document in line with PACO's position and intentions. The Vision Statement is considered "set."

5. New Business

A. Percent for Art Proposal

Edna Southard reported that she wrote a proposal to the City Council for a percent for art item be included in financial planning. This will put the percent for art item up for legislation in the enabling ordinance for the municipal budget. Edna believes that Council will be in favor this proposal and approve it.

B. Student art at the former Co-Op Bookstore building at High and Poplar

Bob reported that Jessica Greene has made arrangements for Miami art students to display their work for sale on the sidewalks fronting the former Miami Co-Op

Bookstore building on Tuesdays from 4 to 7pm. This will coordinate with Tuesday as the designated mid-week day for the Farmer's Market and bring art to the attention of citizens in the Uptown area.

6. Member Announcements

- A discussion ensued during the meeting about identifying local and near-regional artists and PACO's role in relationship to them. Joe Prescher is the organizer of Oxford Visual Arts Connection (OVAC) a group that has a FaceBook site with 505 members. These people are both amateur and professional artists. PACO cannot list these or artists on the Miami Department of Art faculty as creators of art for hire for reasons of equity. However, we can refer the public to the OVAC and other websites if we are asked for recommendations.
- Steve Sullivan reported that Heidi Schiller, Executive Director of the Oxford Community Arts (OCAC), requested that someone from PACO be appointed to sit on the OCAC exhibition committee. Carole Katz volunteered to be PACO's representative to OCAC's exhibitions committee.
- It was also suggested that Robert Mullenix, a local artist who is on the Board of OCAC be invited to attend PACO meetings as a voice for OCAC.
- Steve Sullivan also gave a very brief report on the most recent Comprehensive Planning meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.42PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Benson, Recording Secretary