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## MINUTES

### PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMISSION

July 8, 2021

#### **Members Present:**

Ken Kosky, President  
Joshua Hendrickson, Vice President  
Holly Johnston, Secretary  
Jessica Giles  
Gail Richards  
Chrissy Robertson  
Dave Windisch

#### **Others Present:**

Alex Getchell	Senior Planner I
Krista Linke	Community Development Director
Dana Monson	Community Development Specialist

#### **Call to Order**

Ken Kosky called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

#### **Roll Call & Determination of Quorum**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Chrissy Robertson made a motion to approve the June 10 minutes. Jessica Giles seconded. Passed unanimously, 5-0.

#### **Old Business:**

**Banner Program Update – Dana Monson** – Board of Works made their final approvals. They will be partly funded by PAAC so funds are not lost back to the general fund at year end. BOW is funding all the hardware for hanging the banners. Dana Monson is securing three bids and the city attorney is working on licenses.

#### **New Business:**

**Indiana Arts Commission Presentation on Cultural Arts District – Anna Tragesser, Artist and Community Services Manager** – Franklin has invested in the Creative Community Pathway, and it has five elements.

1. Arts and Cultural Assets
2. Arts and Cultural Identity
3. Arts and Cultural Leadership
4. Community Development
5. Economic Development and Tourism



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These are often centered around a physical arts district within the municipality. The support team for Creative Pathway made five recommendations to Franklin.

1. To deepen and strengthen Franklin's unique, authentic cultural identity
2. To tie the cultural district narrative to the community's history
3. To champion Franklin's cultural assets
4. To boost Franklin's reputation as a vibrant cultural hub
5. To facilitate connections between economic development and arts and culture

Ms. Tragesser asked where the focus and energy was at this time. Mr. Kosky responded with the different committees in place and their areas of work – water tower, statues, electrical boxes and banners. Ms. Monson expressed the current struggle with understanding and deepening of authentic identity and how to encapsulate and express that succinctly. Ms. Tragesser believes it to be a long-term journey. She highlighted an example of Madison. She suggested testing out different concepts and art forms or activities. Mr. Kosky asked if all projects need a common theme. Ms. Tragesser had no answer but advised going with what feels right and true for Franklin. Her assessment at this time was that Franklin is receiving a lot of new, colorful things and it is not necessary to all have the same element included in it. She volunteered to take a group on “field trips” to other towns to see what they are doing or any other ways they can support the commission in Franklin.

Holly Robertson entered the meeting at 8:22. Gail Richards entered the meeting at 8:24.

**Ethos Art Festival – Discover Downtown Franklin – Jess Giles** – The third annual Ethos Celebration of the Arts is August 28. There is a juried art fair. Parks and Recreation hosts a community arts fair in the museum. The Franklin Symphonic Council is planning cultural arts performances for the music stage from 2-8 pm. There will be food trucks, a wine tasting area and vintage artisan vendors selling on Monroe Street. There is an automobile section on Court Street. Mr. Kosky added a description of Chalk a Block where artists are given a three by three square where with chalk they create a piece of art. The Canvas Clash artist competition takes place on August 27. The Chamber of Commerce has their Color Bash Run in the morning on the 28<sup>th</sup>. A ribbon cutting for the veteran alley will be on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Other artists will be in and out and working live through the day on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

General comments were received from those in attendance. Mayor Steve Barnett expressed his appreciation for PAAC. A guest expressed her appreciation for the vintage feel of Franklin and support of expressions and events that showcase that. Ms. Monson added that most people express their appreciation for the feel of Franklin, the safe home feel away from the hustle and bustle. The task is how to express and represent that through the arts. Bobbi Whittemore expressed her appreciation for the use of the word identity instead of branding. Another guest stated her preference that Franklin be confident in who they are and not focus on pushing the boundaries or trying to be too edgy.



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**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made.

Respectfully submitted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021,

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Ken Kosky, President

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Holly Johnston, Secretary