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## MINUTES

### PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMISSION

November 10, 2022

#### **Members Present:**

Ken Kosky, President  
Holly Johnston, Secretary  
Nick Crisafulli  
Jessica Giles  
Joshua Hendrickson  
Holly Johnston  
LuAnn Lietz  
Chrissy Robertson  
Dave Windisch

#### **Others Present:**

Alex Getchell                      Senior Planner I  
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**

Jessica Giles made a motion to approve the October 13, 2022 minutes. Holly Johnston seconded. Passed unanimously, 9-0.

#### **Old Business:**

Cultural District Strategic Plan Update – Krista Linke – Much progress has been made. Photos have been added along with art sections and sub-committee descriptions. The plan is approximately 85% complete. The Indiana Arts Commission has a new director and all their programs are being revamped. They are not identifying any new cultural districts this year but they will work with Franklin on the timeline for next year. Franklin is one of six communities that have been placed on hold. Ms. Linke will have a final draft for review before the December meeting. It will then go before City Council. Joshua Hendrickson asked if the dates of submission change also and Ms. Linke confirmed that they do as it will not be submitted next year. Since it is a three- to five-year plan, it should not need constant updating, but Ms. Linke will double check.

Programming Committee – Joshua Hendrickson

Committee Meeting Report – The committee discussed how to best support organizations already doing art events downtown. It will include working with the marketing committee. Additionally, they



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discussed adding more programming to established events and festivals, specifically participatory events. Discussion was also held regarding creating programming for which there is an audience but not yet an outlet such as a rotating series of art workshops to be hosted in different places by different artists. A small investment in easels and supplies would help the artists and teachers.

Kiera Myers Donation Report – A more specific list of each teacher’s needs without quantities has been received and they are not the types of things Generation Art and Frame can secure at discount. Mr. Hendrickson’s counsel is to provide funds for the teachers to make purchases. Joanna Tennell reminded that Ms. Myers is not able to receive funds, so it would need to be actual items purchased. Dana Monson proposed that due to year-end encumbrances these items be at least selected and invoiced and even paid for before year-end. Ms. Tennell will coordinate with Ms. Myers to get quantities of needed items and any preferable purchase locations to Ms. Monson.

### Community Art Committee – Ken Kosky

Bicentennial Banner Art Approval – The committee has been working with Dustin Brenton, the only artist to respond to the RFP process. Ms. Monson presented his design. There are 34 banners on King Street. In total there will be 20 sets or 40 banners. South Main Street and Jefferson Street will be single banners. All will be 30” x 62”. Since they will not be useable after the bicentennial, a suggestion was made that they could be sold as keepsakes to the public. Mr. Kosky identified other priorities for 2023 to include electrical boxes, crosswalk painting starting in the amphitheater area and working out and alley activations. Franklin resident Bobbi Whittemore presented her commitment to a \$1,000 donation from her family estate for a crosswalk painting in the area of South Jackson Street and Monroe Street or Wayne Street, especially at the four-way stop. Mr. Kosky confirmed that to be an area under consideration. Work on the Artcraft Alley begins Friday and should be complete in approximately a week. Further Kuji alley activation has been suggested to follow with possibly overhead Japanese lanterns. Another project is the old Levi mural on the Rothschild building on the corner of Jackson and Jefferson. Banners for 2024 could be considered, but the art banners will have been down for approximately a year and could be reused. T-Mobile is offering \$50,000 for community grants. If successful application was made, an alley activation and crosswalks could be accomplished or possibly applying for ice skating. Efforts will be made in coordination with Ms. Monson. Mr. Hendrickson clarified the locations for the bicentennial banners and the art district banners. All banners going forward will be the larger size as on King Street. Ms. Johnston made a motion to approve the bicentennial banner proposal. Nick Crisafulli seconded. Passed unanimously 9-0.

Marketing Committee – The committee will use social media and brochures and other efforts. Five 2023 priorities were established.

1. Art District Brochure
2. Annual Report to be complete in March
3. Grant Application from the Branigin Foundation in September
4. Guided Walking Tour with Festival Country
5. Visible compilation of Artist Names



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Their requested budget is \$1,500. The next meeting will be held in January.

**New Business:**

Approval of Budget 2023 – Dana Monson – The total budget is \$15,000 from the city’s allocation. This does not include any grant funding. The Community Art Committee requested \$11,000. Marketing requested \$1,500 and Programming \$2,500. Mr. Windisch made a motion to approve the budget. Ms. Johnston seconded. Passed unanimously, 9-0.

Encumbrances for 2022 – Dana Monson -- \$8,001 still remains for this year’s budget. The bicentennial banner project total is \$8,370. Ms. Johnston made a motion to encumber the funds for the banners. Mr. Crisafulli seconded. Passed unanimously, 9-0.

Approval of Meeting Dates 2023 – Dana Monson – Chrissy Robertson made a motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2023. Mr. Hendrickson seconded. Passed unanimously, 9-0.

Ms. Monson reported that the Sharp Graphics mural will have a ribbon cutting on Friday, November 18, at 10:30am.

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022,

Ken Kosky, President

Holly Johnston, Secretary