



PUBLIC ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
APRIL 16, 2024
CITY HALL, 240 COLUMBUS AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Members: Marsha Carrington, Shawn Daley, Robin Lloyd, Chris Parthemore, Adam Ramsdell, Brian Stanley, Cable Steinemann, Martha Wikel, Aneta Wlodyka

Ex-Officio Members: Jeff Krabill (commissioner), Michelle Newell, Arin Blair (staff)

MINUTES

From March 19, 2024

OLD BUSINESS

- Eclipse Event Recap

NEW BUSINESS

- Artist Led Grant Proposal for *Chalk It Up Sandusky*

ADJOURNMENT

Chris Parthemore called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Marsha Carrington, Shawn Daley, Robin Lloyd, Chris Parthemore, Adam Ramsdell, Cable Steinemann, Martha Wikel, Aneta Wlodyka

Ex-Officio Members present: Arin Blair, Michelle Newell

Members absent: Brian Stanley, Jeff Krabill

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Robin Lloyd made motion, second by Shawn Daley to approve minutes from 02.20.24. No objections, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Arin gave the “Greetings From Sandusky” Mural update. It will be painted on panels (10x20’) placed on the East wall of the Mylander Pavilion. The Arts Commission has approved \$10,000 and the City Commission approved it as well on 03.11.24. It will be painted the first week of April to get it installed prior to the Eclipse Festival.

The Eclipse Festival will be placemaking items will be finalized by the Greater Sandusky Program and Engagement Manager, Peyton Minich. She is working on the supersized eclipse glasses for \$1300 which will be installed by the City. A “SUNdusky” reusable chalk wall by Ahner Industrial (5x10’) for \$2500-\$3500 will have the eclipse logo center. “Before 2099 I’d like to” cling is being worked on hoping to place this at the Hogrefe Building. Sidewalk chalk artists will be contacted as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Arin presented an Artbox proposal “A Beautiful Horizon” by Jeniah Prentice, a local painter and aspiring muralist for Sycamore Line and Milan Road intersection. There was discussion about the impressive artwork and possible better placement. **Robin Lloyd made motion, second by Adam Ramsdell to commission this artwork. Roll call, motion carried.** Discussion about more artwork for the City Hall gallery ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Chris Parthemore, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm.

Next Meeting: 04.16.24.

Cathleen Myers, Clerk

Brian Stanley, Chairperson



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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To: Public Arts & Culture Commission
From: Arin Blair, AICP, Chief Planner
Date: April 10, 2024
Subject: Artist Led Grant Proposal: "Chalk It Up Sandusky"

Items for Consideration: Donna Bretz, organizer of Chalk It Up Sandusky chalk art event to take place on Saturday, August 3rd, is requesting \$1,000 in grant funding to pay five professional chalk artists.

Background: Donna Bretz is seeking support to pay up to five professional chalk artists that are to be featured at the third annual Chalk It Up Sandusky event on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024, from 10am to 5pm.

Each of the paid artists, one of which includes the context grand prize winner from the previous year, are paid \$200 to chalk an artwork at their preferred location around the event footprint. These professional chalk artworks are created during the event, and become anchors for the other contestants and event attendees to make their way through downtown to see each art piece in progress and finished.

The grant request is for up to a total of \$1,000 to support a payment of \$200 each for up to five artists. If the event is rained out or the art is not completed for any reason, the artist will not get paid and reimbursement will not be sought.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the grant for up to \$1,000 to support up to five artists, with no more than \$200 paid to a single artist for completion of a chalk art piece as part of the event, with the following condition:

1. The Public Arts & Culture Commission is listed as an event sponsor, and
2. High resolution photos of the completed artworks are supplied to staff with the grant disbursement request.

CHALK IT UP SANDUSKY PROPOSAL TO ART COUNCIL

Chalk It Up Sandusky is in its 3rd year. The event is being held on Saturday, August 3rd. Chalkers are encouraged to chalk where ever they like, but to be respectful of businesses entry ways and if the business is providing a chalker. Professional chalkers are given their choice of spots (1st come, 1st choice).

2023 brought almost double the participants from the 1st year. Chalk is provided by the organizers – Robin Lloyd of The Bonnie Gallery and myself. The event is held from 10 a.m to 5 p.m. Mostly in the areas from Water St to Washington Row, including Market and Wayne. We can expand as there is need for additional space. See map of last year.

The event has 4 or 5 professional artist that are paid. (a professional is defined as someone that has displayed and sold their work. Past artist have included Marsha Carrington, Nora Knople, Matt Ritter, Kylie Fredrick. If last year's winner comes back in 2024 they will come as a professional to insure the same person is not winning each year. Artist are encouraged to do what they choose, but reminded this is a family friendly event.

Our vision is to grow the event each year to allow more people to enjoy the event and visit the businesses. While downtown visitors eat and drink in the area. In 2023 we had a family from Virginia that came to the event. They were camping in Avery area and saw the event on city calendar. The entire family of 6 were downtown all day and chalked.

We aim to add things each year and hope to get music added in the future if not for 2024.

There are 3 age groups 5- 11, 11- 17 and adult. Each category has 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Art supplies, art books and trophies were the prizes last year.

Funding from the Arts Council would pay the artist allowing the organizers to provide additional prizes, water for the artist, additional promotion of the event.

We are asking for \$1,000. \$200. To each artist. If the event is rained out, they do not get paid.

Artist	Total Payment	Grant request
Nora Knople	\$200.00	\$200.00
Kylie Fredrick	200.00	200.00
TBD	Same	Same
TBD	Same	Same
TBD	Same	Same
Total Funds Awarded to Artist	\$1,000.	\$1,000.



WANT TO ENTER OUR CHALK IT UP CONTEST WITH YOUR CREATION?

Here's what you do... Ages 14 & up only, write/sign your artwork on the sidewalk then text us at 419-271-2325 with:

1) your name; 2) your artwork location; 3) a photo of your artwork.

Winners will be announced at The Lot on Wayne Street at 5:30pm!



