

**Members present:** Marsha Carrington, Robin Hudnall, Adam Ramsdell, Brian Stanley, Cable Steinemann, Jordan Sternberg, Martha Wikel and Ex-Officio members Roz Shepherd and Greg Voltz.

**Members Absent:** Chris Parthemore and Dennis Murray (Ex-Officio).

**Staff Present:** Kelly Kresser (Clerk).

**Brian Stanley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.**

**Brian Stanley said Ethan Unzicker turned in his resignation from the Commission today due to personal reasons. He said City Manager Eric Wobser is working to fill this vacant seat.**

## **CURRENT BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Upon motion of Cable Steinemann and second of Adam Ramsdell, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019, meeting. The Chairman declared the motion passed.**

### **RFQ/Call for Artist Review**

- **Hike Hancock/Walk Wayne** – Greg Voltz said after reissuing the RFQ/Call for Artists, only one was submitted by Stephanie Rond which was distributed to the subcommittee (Robin Hudnall and Marsha Carrington). If the members wish to accept this RFQ/artist, he will work with Ms. Rond to get her to Sandusky at a future meeting to start the process. Her submittal is not in depth, but she did express her thoughts about leaving this more open-ended so what she actually does for us is determined after visiting and speaking directly with members of this commission and our residents. Greg Voltz said it is also possible to utilize the planters along Hancock Street as part of the art here rather than using live flowers or plantings in them.

**Upon motion of Cable Steinemann and second of Jordan Sternberg, the commission voted to recommend supporting Stephanie Rond for the Hike Hancock/Walk Wayne art installation and proceed with the project.**

*Discussion:* Marsha Carrington said she looked at Ms. Rond's website after reviewing her submittal, was impressed with her work and believes she would be a good fit for Sandusky. Robin Hudnall said she agrees and likes what she saw on Ms. Rond's website and what she stands for. Her messages are very positive; she also like her murals and noted she has won awards for her work. Cable Steinemann said he believes she is fully qualified to proceed although he wished more proposals had been submitted and the entire amount budgeted were not requested. Greg Voltz said once the artist comes and it is determined exactly what will be done, the actual

contract amount could be less. Brian Stanley said he agrees Stephanie Rond is very qualified although it would have been nice to have received other proposals. Greg Voltz said if this is approved, he will work with Ms. Rond to attend the next Public Arts & Culture Commission meeting and work out details with her. Cable Steinemann asked for a copy of RFQ's to be distributed to all of the members, going forward, so they can work to get in touch with artists and encourage them to submit proposals. Robin Hudnall said it will probably take more effort to get artists to submit proposals. Eric Wobser said this will be a work in progress but to reach out to both well-known regional or local artists to help spread the word in addition to using social media to get word out more broadly.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Marsha Carrington, Robin Hudnall, Adam Ramsdell, Brian Stanley, Cable Steinemann, Jordan Sternberg, Martha Wikel, Roz Shepherd and Greg Voltz, 9. The Chairman declared the motion passed.**

- Temporary Transit Shelter Murals – Greg Voltz said this RFQ is currently open and proposals are being accepted through April 17, 2019.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Art Walk/Historic Downtown Sandusky – Judy Corso and Joann Lawrence were in attendance to talk about this event. Judy Corso said this event started in 2011 with the goal of bringing more people into downtown and her inspiration was the Gallery Hop in the Short North area in Columbus, Ohio, where her son has stores. Initially, many of the downtown businesses were very happy with the Art Walk, but not all. There have been issues with vendors over the years including the location which has shifted between Washington Park and the sidewalk areas in front of storefronts. There has also been frustration by the organizers because they cannot get more artists and/or musicians to participate and sometimes vendors register but do not show up. They are open to suggestions about how to improve the Art Walks. Joann Lawrence said she has been with the Art Walk both as an organizer and as a vendor since 2012. It has a good following and a strong customer base. Roz Shepherd suggested asking artists to create unique and themed pieces. Marsha Carrington said she loved having these on the sidewalks and had a lot of fun with them and with the participants. There are many more businesses now than when it started and believes most would be receptive to having it on the sidewalks. Robin Hudnall said she has been in the 100 and 200 blocks of Columbus Avenue for ten years and encouraged inviting the businesses to participate and also suggested matching artists/vendors goods with a particular storefront. She is one of the founders of the Sandusky PRIDE event and the businesses were very supportive of this downtown. She also suggested using the Schade-Mylander Plaza as a location for the vendors so they can all be in one specific area and less spread out; the Brrzaar & Brew event was done at this venue and it worked well. Jordan Sternberg suggested making another connection for people by pairing food vendors with the ArtWalk. Eric Wobser said performing

arts could also be tied in for a musical theme with the art and/or food and he will suggest this to McKenzie Spriggs who is working to program an event for 2020. Roz Shepherd said she thinks it would be great to have a canvas available for different artists to create art on during an event which could then be displayed in a public space. Brian Stanley thanked Judy and Joann for their passion and love of arts, and for their belief in Sandusky.

**Welcoming Sandusky Murals**

Greg Voltz said the members will be working with he and McKenzie Spriggs on this project and to be thinking about potential locations which might be available. He can reach out to property owners of buildings which may work for this concept. Members of the Sandusky Youth Commission have expressed interest in doing a mural tied to environmentalism and clean water. Greg Voltz asked who may be interested in working with them on this project and Robin, Brian, Marsha, Roz and Martha said they would help.


**Other**

Roz Shepherd asked about **two storage containers which have been in the Sandusky Plaza** as she thinks they would be great for a temporary art installation.

Roz Shepherd said the **Junior Arts Academy Showcase** featuring student visual and performing art will be held at Adams School on April 18, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**At 6:07 p.m., upon motion of Cable Steinemann and second of Jordan Sternberg, the commission voted to adjourn. The Chairman declared the motion passed.**

  
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Attest: Kelly Kresser, Clerk  
Date: 5/21/19

  
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Brian Stanley, Chairman  
Date: 5/21/19