

**The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:15PM**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members present:** Shawn Daley, Robin Lloyd, Chris Parthemore, Adam Ramsdell, Brian Stanley (chairperson), Cable Steinemann, Jordan Sternberg, Martha Wikel

**Ex-Officio Members present:** Blake Harris, Michelle Newell, Arin Blair

**Absent:** Marsha Carrington

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes from Dec & Feb to be Approved at 03.15.22 Meeting.

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Robin Lloyd mentioned she saw Susan Schultz's display and it looked nice.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers: Chris Parthemore made motion, seconded by Robin Lloyd to accept the current slate of officers for next term. Roll call on the motion: All, Cable & Brian abstained, motion passed.**

**Utility Art Box Painting Program Update:**

Arin explained the draft call for artists and the parameters. She will check with the utility companies to see what their specifications will be on this project. The Community Development Director, the Public Works Director and the Law Director said they did not have any major concerns about this project. The Committee will need to decide what title they would like to name this project, if they would prefer to choose a theme for the artwork. Would it be encouraged to not use text? It was decided in past discussion, to work with the most faded boxes for the program. Arin spoke with First Energy that owns most of the faded ones, and they are transformers that hold 12,000 volts of live electricity. She is guessing they will not be feasible for the program. She will hear back from them this week. The locations are pending, but Shoreline Drive has been determined as the focus area. Brian asked about scoring in the selection process. Robin suggested the Committee fuse the scoring process used for the City Hall Art Gallery with what others doing utility art are using as well. Brian asked what others thought about the proposal theme and name of the program. All agreed they liked the name and Cable added he thought limiting the theme would be limiting the artists that would submit artwork. Robin agreed with Cable and thought by placing a theme on the proposal it may sway the artwork and thought what the Committee is paying the artists is very low it would be nice to let them display their art without many parameters. She also stated that she thought text should be allowed, as long as approved. There are many powerful pieces that incorporate lettering, and words can be very powerful. All the artwork will be vetted for appropriateness. Robin also raised the question if the

artwork had to display the City of Sandusky on it. Arin added that she had included that in the proposal since she saw other programs had included the name for photo ops. The question of artist payment was also brought up for discussion, would that limit the talent we would like to attract. Robin thought that what they did not receive monetarily would be made up somewhat by the display of their artwork. Arin is hoping to have a Proposal Draft ready by next meeting and hopes to hear positive feedback from First Energy on using their boxes; otherwise, the choice of boxes will have to be revisited. The scoring process was reviewed – if enough art submissions were received, possibly Erin could send them numerically out in an email and each member could rank them and weigh-in their thoughts privately and she could compile the ranking for the meeting publically. It was consensus to use the City Hall Artwork rubric as a starting point.

#### **Vinyl Murals Program Update:**

Arin stated a mural is a sign per City zoning code. If the code is not updated, murals would have to go to Zoning for approval and then apply for a variance depending on the size requirements. It is a very fine line differentiating whether a mural is artwork or a sign. She hopes the City will be able to act as an agent for the program to simplify this process. Arin asked the Committee to continue sending photos of buildings that would be good use of the mural artwork, and to please do so in the next week. Many good locations have been identified, she will be glad to submit them numerically to the Committee to select/prioritize them. She can bring the results back to Committee for review and to approach the building owners. She is hoping to have these two programs launched by April-May.

#### **A Night Out With the Arts Event on Monday, March 14, 6-8 pm.**

Shawn Daley invited the Committee to join Port Clinton Arts and Culture Commission at his studio for a meet and greet – cocktails and apps. There will be a singer/songwriter and Shawn will present the execution/production of it. They are very interested in what our Arts Commission is doing. They have an Art Garage, it was their old city garage and they are turning it into an arts space. They are looking to exchange ideas.

#### **City Hall Gallery**

Robin Lloyd walked through the gallery and asked if the holes near the time clock could be patched and painted. Clerk, Cathy Myers said she would contact someone to get the holes repaired.

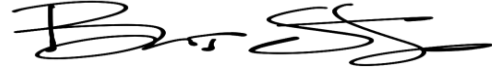
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon a motion of Shawn Daley, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm. The Chairman declared the motion passed.**



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**Cathleen Myers, Clerk**  
**Date: 03.15.22**



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**Brian Stanley, Chairperson**  
**Date: 03.15.22**