

**The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:19PM**

**Members present:** Chris Parthemore, Adam Ramsdell, Cable Steinemann (vice chair), Jordan Sternberg, Martha Wikel, Shawn Daley

**Ex-Officio Members present:** Blake Harris, Michelle Newell, and Greg Voltz

**Absent:** Marsha Carrington, Brian Stanley, Robin Lloyd

**Staff Present:** McKenzie Spriggs (Commission Clerk)

**All were in attendance via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Upon a motion of Chris Parthemore and a second of Shawn Daley, the minutes of February 16, 2021 were approved. The group signified by saying aye. The Vice Chairman declared the minutes passed.**

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

**2021 Artist Grant Program**

Greg Voltz said the grant program is up on the website. The fund is limited to \$10,000 for 2021. It could go towards individual grants or to one large application. You can find it at [cityofsandusky.com/publicart](http://cityofsandusky.com/publicart).

Shawn Daley asked if it is for individuals or organizations. He said it could be intimidating for individuals to tackle the application.

Greg Voltz acknowledged that it is intimidating. He will walk through it with anyone. Both artists and/or organizations can participate. He asked if the city should share it on social media or if the group thought that would garner too much attention.

Cable Steinemann said he thought it was unavoidable to get too many applications.

Adam Ramsdell thought a staggered approach might work best. For example, if we do not get a handful of applications by May 1, then we can distribute more broadly.

Martha Wikel agreed. She said we do not want to disappoint anyone when the grant is so small and limited to few participants; let's take a wait and see approach.

Cable Steinemann said let's bring it back in a month.

### **Sandusky City Hall Gallery**

Greg Voltz said the theme is metamorphosis/change. He changed the dimension requirement at the request of the committee from last meeting. He recommends accepting tonight's RFP, pending any changes made at the meeting, to get the process going.

Cable Steinemann said he thinks restricting to just Erie County residents is very limiting. He added that purchasing artwork at city hall should be a possibility.

Greg Voltz said that they could look into that, but it is a change to the work plan that was passed at the city commission level, which makes it slightly more complicated.

Shawn Daley said he saw that the city of Lorain visited the city. Why couldn't we hold an exchange with their artists?

Greg Voltz said similarly, the exchange program presents a different idea than what was approved in the public art commission work plan and would need to be amended.

Cable Steinemann said he has serious doubts about the call for artists.

Adam Ramsdell said he would like to expand the region, a lot of good artists have local ties but may not live here anymore.

Greg Voltz said he would change the wording to reflect that artists from all over can apply, and there will be a preference for local artists.

**Upon a motion of Shawn Daley and a second of Adam Ramsdell, the commission voted to pass the City Hall Gallery RFP with modifications to expand the regional boundary. Roll call: Yeas: Adam Ramsdell, Cable Steinemann (vice chair), Jordan Sternberg, Martha Wikel, Shawn Daley, Blake Harris, Michelle Newell, Greg Voltz. Nays: Chris Parthemore. The vice chairman declared the motion passed.**

Greg Voltz said regarding the selection committee for the City Hall Gallery artists, Brian Stanley had passed off the idea of having 3-5 public arts commission members (preferably those not already serving on the Lange Trust committee), a city staff member, and potentially a community member.

Cable Steinemann, Shawn Daley, Michelle Newell, and Martha Wikel agreed to serve on the committee to select artists. A city staff member will also serve, for a total of 5 members.

**Upon motion of Cable Steinemann and a second of Martha Wikel the commission voted to accept this body of members as the selection committee. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Chris Parthemore, Adam Ramsdell, Cable Steinemann (vice chair), Jordan Sternberg, Martha Wikel,**

**Shawn Daley, Blake Harris, Michelle Newell, Greg Voltz. The vice chairman declared the motion passed.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon a motion of Chris Parthemore and a second of Martha Wikel, the meeting adjourned at 5:40PM. The Vice Chairman declared the motion passed.**



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**Attest: McKenzie Spriggs, Clerk**

**Date: 3 / 16 / 21**



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**Brian Stanley, Chairperson**

**Date: 3 / 16 / 21**