

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION  
**Cultural Arts Commission  
Minutes  
Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

Members Present: Francis Bevington, Patricia Dubroof, Spencer Knoll,  
Brian Rogers, Rosemary Storey, Howie Jung

Members Absent: Karen Askin, Therese Capal, Cristin Cash, Liz Ortuzar, Melissa Sera

Councilmember: Mark Pierzchala

Staff Present: Andy Lett, Betty Wisda, Laura Creech

Guests Present: Abe Bruckman, Grant Manager, City of Rockville

Francis Bevington, filling in for Karen Askin, called the virtual online meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Re: Approval of the Minutes**

The Cultural Arts Commission unanimously approved the minutes written for January 11, 2023, meeting.

**Re: Councilmember Report**

- Mark reminded everyone that the City manager would present budgets to Mayor and Council on Feb. 27. He recommends using the Community Forum as an excellent way to propose your budgets before mid-February. The first budget work session will be held on March 6, covering CIP projects, including the funding of the Swim Center Outdoor Pool art project. Mark has been trying to get the King Farm Homestead barns utilized since 2009. City has owned the property for 26 years, and it is past time for it to be utilized. More work sessions in the coming weeks.
- Mayor and Council approved a new election process that lowers the voting age to sixteen and includes nonresident voters.
- Mark welcomed Abe Bruckman, the new Grants Manager for the City.

**Re: Chairperson's Report**

- No report.

**Re: Staff Report**

- The "Meet the Artists" for the 2023 Rockville Student Juried Art Exhibit and the Rockville Art League's Heart of Winter Show was held on January 22 at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.
- The Artist Nomination Committee consisting of Cultural Arts Commissioners Frances Bevington and Howie Jung; Senior Citizens Commissioner Kevin Leary; and Tom Lynch, Recreation and Park Advisory Board representative, selected three finalists to create a

site-specific proposal for the Rockville Senior Center Mural on January 23. The finalists were provided comments from stakeholders obtained via an online survey for consideration during their design process.

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- Arts Programs Supervisor Betty Wisda was taped by Rockville Channel 11 staff regarding “Three Floating Friends” by Matthew Geller on February 1 at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center.
- Under the direction of Dr. Juan Gallastegui, the Rockville Concert Band will present “A Night at the Theater” at 3 p.m. on February 12 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. The concert will feature music from movies, Broadway musicals, and guest conductor Dr. Robert Tennyson.
- Under the direction of Josh Frayer, the Rockville Swing Band will present “Swing! Swing! Swing! at 7:30 p.m. on February 12 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.
- Under the direction of Eleanor Simpson and Erin Kwong, the Rockville Civic Ballet will begin rehearsals on February 3 at Rockcrest Ballet Center for “Lancelot.”
- “Meet the Artists’ of the Washington Water Color Association will be held at 1:30 p.m. on February 26 at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.
- Under the direction of Linda Garrettson and accompanied by Arielle Bayer, the Rockville Chorus will videotape their musical selections on February 27 to contribute to the virtual Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) concert.
- The authorization for the City Manager to sign the Maryland State Arts Council Public Art Conservation Grant Agreement in the amount of \$45,790 and the Maryland State Arts Council Arts Relief Funding Grant Agreement in the amount of \$48,297.07 are scheduled as consent items for the Mayor and Council Meeting on February 27. The Public Art Conservation Grant will cover funding for work on four mosaic artworks in the City’s public art permanent collection. The Arts Relief Funding will cover the baffles and restoration of the wooden sprung floor at the Rockcrest Ballet Center.
- Budget work sessions are beginning soon.
  - February 17, 2023, Proposed FY 2024 Budget and Capital Improvements Program Posted to the City's Website
  - February 27, 2023, Introduction of Proposed FY 2024 Budget and Capital Improvements Program
  - March 6, 2023, Budget Worksession / Budget Public Hearing
  - March 20, 2023, Budget Worksession
  - April 17, 2023, Budget Worksession / Budget Public Hearing
  - April 21, 2023, Close of Community Survey and Budget Public Record
  - May 1, 2023, Budget Worksession
  - May 8, 2023, Adoption of FY 2024 Budget and Capital Improvements Program

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- The following requests were submitted for the Operating Budget for Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2024 for consideration by the Finance Department and the City Manager.
  - a. Art In Public Architecture:
    - i. \$89,000 Rockville Swim and Fitness Center (Outdoor Pool) & 6 Taft Court
  - b. Art In Public Places
    - i. \$ 50,000 Woodley Gardens Park
    - ii. \$50,000 Murals
    - iii. \$6,000 Art Activity at Special Event
    - iv. \$3,000 Maintenance for Spirit of Rockville Fountain
    - v. \$48,500 Conservation Work to City’s Permanent Art Collection
- The following requests were submitted for the Operating Budget for Revenue in Fiscal Year 2024 for consideration by the Finance Department and the City Manager.
  - a. Art In Public Architecture
    - i. \$89,000 allocated for Outdoor Pool Art Project

**Re: Arts in Public Places - Temporary Works of Art**

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- The meeting ended after a member had to leave the meeting. Which resulted in a quorum no longer being met.

**Re: New Business**

- Patricia motioned for CAC to approve the Implementation Plan with the revisions discussed at the last meeting and recommends submitting the plan to Mayor and Council.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made to designate Chairperson Karen Askin to submit a letter on behalf of CAC and the arts community in favor of the budget and to represent CAC at the March 6 budget meeting.
  - The motion passes with six voting for and one abstaining.

**Re: Next Meeting**

- The next meeting CAC will be held virtually at 7 p.m. on March 8, 2023.

**Re: Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.