

**City of Kenosha  
Commission on the Arts**

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

1. Roll Call

Present: Jayne Herring, Karen Sorensen, Diane Levesque, Bob Wells,  
Emily Delabruue, Becky Noble, Donald Miller, Francisco Loyola, MaryPat Andrea, Virginia  
Hartley

Excused: Maureen Cashin Bolog

2. The Commission reviewed its purpose as defined by ordinance.

3. By written ballot Francisco Loyola was elected Chairman and Jayne Herring was  
elected Vice Chairman of the Commission.

4. The Commission discussed the state of the arts in Kenosha. Ideas and thoughts  
included:

Already high standards of collaboration and cooperation

Thriving arts groups and artists

Promote and enhance the impact of the creative community

Arts generate profits - Change the view of the arts as nonprofit

Creative people are integrated into business already

Arts are tied to economic development and a vibrant community

Downtown Kenosha could be developed as an arts/entertainment district

Research models/case statements of other commissions and related plans  
for economic development

Conduct a SWOT Anlysis or self-assessment to determine needs – existing  
studies may no longer apply

Research the “Main Street” program

Arts Commission needs to represent all of Kenosha

5. Potential areas of focus for the Commission

Bring the players together to implement ideas

Eliminate barriers (ordinances, restrictions, communication, etc) to arts initiatives

Match venues and artists to create new arts opportunities

Identify funding sources and communicate that information to artists and arts groups

Serve as a center for communication regarding the arts – website, facebook, e-

newsletter, clearinghouse for resources

Let the community know the Commission on Arts exists

- conduct a community meeting to identify needs

6. The Commission agreed to meet monthly on the first Tuesday  
from 3:30-5pm.

7. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6 at 3:30pm at the Civil War Museum