Agenda
COMMISSION ON THE ARTS MEETING
***TELECONFERENCE***
Tuesday, June 1, 2021
4:00 pm

Chairperson Corinne Ness
Vice-Chairperson Kevin Poirier
Commissioner Lisa Barber
Commissioner Rita Gentile
Commissioner Peggy Gregorski

Commissioner Annie Hackett
Commissioner Francisco Loyola
Alderman Bill Siel
Commissioner Clara Tappa
Commissioner John Zehren

Call to Order
Roll Call
Citizens Comments

Approval of the Minutes of May 4, 2021

1. Sub-Committee Reports
   a. Public Relations (Loyola, Hacket, Gregorski)
   b. Legislative Committee (Poirier, Siel, Ness)
   c. Arts Partners in Education (Barber, Tappa, Gentile)
   d. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Zehren, Barber)

2. Events
   a. Presence at Markets – September 25, 2021 (Gentile, Hacket, Ness)
   b. Make Music Day (Loyola)

3. Commissioner Comments

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Minutes
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Tuesday, May 4, 2021
4:00pm

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Corinne Ness, Vice Chairperson Kevin Poirier,
Commissioners Lisa Barber, Rita Gentile, Peggy Gregorski, Annie
Hackett

Excused: Francisco Loyola, Clara Tappa, John Zehren and Alderperson Siel

Staff: Kay Schueffner

Call to Order
Chairperson Corinne Ness called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes
A motion was made by Ms. Gregorski, seconded by Mr. Poirier to approve the minutes of April 6, 2021.
The motion passed. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

1. Sub-Committee Reports
   a. Public Relations (Loyola/Gregorski/Hackett)

Ms. Hackett explained that the sub-committee met and discussed possibly having a coffee chat on the
arts which would be a networking meeting with a theme of surviving COVID – recovery and rebuilding.
A good time might be in late September and we discussed possible locations for the event. The event
could include panel presentations by artists explaining how they survived, displays by visual artists
and possibly some music.

Ms. Hackett added the sub-committee thought this was not appropriate year to do the Arts Awards,
there are people that are struggling. The sub-committee is working to establish a media list that would
contain a name, phone number and email so artists could “self-promote” their events through these
media channels. Another idea is to have an event that hosts guest writers on different artistic topics.

Ms. Hackett was also selected as spokesperson for the group.

Ms. Ness will reach out at Carthage College communications team to get a list of their top media
connections to be included on this list. Ms. Barber will see if Parkside has a media list as well. Ms.
Gregorski said she will lead the media project by starting the list and then contact Ms. Ness and Ms.
Barber. We ultimately want a list that is approximately the top 10 media connections for artists to
promote their event and also possibly for people new to the community to search for events.

b. Legislative Committee (Poirier/Siel/Ness)

Mr. Poirier said he will begin working on the survey, hoping to send the revised questions out in
September. They will look to obtain more information of how people dealt with COVID and where
they are now. Discussion was held on how and who we should share the survey with, possibly the
Kenosha Community Foundation. Ms. Gregorski said there is a group of non-profit fund raising
professionals that meet quarterly. Ms. Ness said people can use this information to support grant
applications. Ms. Gentile asked about posting the survey/survey results on the Kenosha Strong or DKI
FACEBOOK page. Kay will inquire about a link for Commission of the Arts on the Administration page
of the City website.
c. Arts Partners in Education (Ness/Barber)

Ms. Barber talked with KUSD about the possibility of the visiting artists. They were not interested at this time, but liked the idea of proposed Artists in Residence theme. There are plans for a workshop in August. Ms. Ness explained this would be a workshop to learn about writing grants.

d. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Zehren/Barber)

Ms. Barber said the team continues to work on a Mission Statement and what their goals would be.

2. Annual Events
   a. Summer – Presence at Markets (Gentile, Hacket, Ness)

Ms. Ness is working on applications for both the Harbor Market and Public Market. The application requires a Certificate of Insurance, so Carthage will obtain a booth and invite the Commission to be there with them. Ms. Barber and Ms. Gentile are working to get performing groups, but it will depend on the dates to see if groups are available.

   b. Summer – Make Music Day

Mr. Loyola is working on this.

c. Fall Networking Event

No other update.

3. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Ness noted the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Ms. Barber will not be able to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kay Schueffner, Secretary