



**Agenda**  
**COMMISSION ON THE ARTS MEETING**

**\*\*\*TELECONFERENCE\*\*\***

**Tuesday, April 6, 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  
Aldersperson Bill Siel  
Commissioner Clara Tappa  
Commissioner John Zehren

Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Citizens Comments

Approval of the Minutes of March 2, 2021

1. Sub-Committee Reports
  - a. Public Relations (Arena, Loyola, Hackett, Gregorski)
  - b. Legislative Committee (Poirier, Siel, Ness)
  - c. Arts Partners in Education (Barber, Tappa, Gentile)
  - d. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Zehren, Barber)
2. Annual Events
  - a. Fall – Networking Event
  - b. Spring – Arts Awards
  - c. Summer – Make Music Day
3. Commissioner Comments

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**Minutes**  
**Commission on the Arts Meeting**  
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**4:00pm**

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Corinne Ness, Vice Chairperson Kevin Poirier, Commissioners Lisa Barber, Rita Gentile, Peggy Gregorski, Annie Hackett, Francisco Loyola, Alderperson Bill Siel, Clara Tappa, John Zehren

Excused: Taylor Arena

Staff: Kay Schueffner

*Call to Order*

Chairperson Corinne Ness called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

*Citizen Comments*

*Approval of the Minutes*

A motion was made by Ms. Barber, seconded by Alderman Siel to approve the minutes of February 2, 2021. The motion passed. (Ayes 9, Noes 0)

**1. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

Discussion was held about how much longer the current Chair and Vice Chair would be on the Commission in regards to succession planning.

A motion was made by Ms. Barber and seconded by Ms. Gregorski to nominate Corinne Ness as Chair and Kevin Poirier as Vice Chair. The motion passed. (Ayes 9, Noes 0)

**2. Sub-Committee Reports**

▶ **Public Relations (Arena, Loyola, Hackett, Gregorski)**

Ms. Gregorski gave the update that they will be placing a Press Release Resource Page on the Kenosha Rising website. On this page the artists will be able to publicize their event themselves. This will allow them to present their event. Ms. Gregorski also noted they are moving forward with the 2021 Make Music Day and encourage other artists to do an activity at their site.

▶ **Legislative Committee (Poirier, Siel, Ness)**

Ms. Ness said there is no further information until the Arts Impact Survey is approved.

*Mr. Loyola joined.*

▶ **Arts Partners in Education (Barber, Tappa, Gentile)**

Ms. Barber said they have sent out a form to gather information of what artists may be available to participate in the program. Ms. Ness will have Deonté follow up with a call to those who are interested to gain more information on what they can offer and when they are available. Discussion was held on whether to invite people from Kenosha only or include all artists. It was decided to utilize the talents from all artists.

▶ **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Zehren, Barber)**

Mr. Zehren said they are looking for money to spread among artists that are struggling to survive on only the sale of their art only. Mr. Zehren invited Sabrina Morgan from UW Parkside and Tammy Summers from Gateway Technical College to speak on how they could help. They are also looking for a way to decentralize the gallery system and think of other ways artists can show their work.

Mr. Loyola asked if this will help the institutions or the Arts Commission. Ms. Ness said the Commission – Gateway and Parkside have similar initiatives.

### **3. Arts Impact Survey – Review and Approval**

Ms. Ness asked for any discussion on the Arts Impact Survey - no discussion. A motion was made by Alderman Siel and seconded by Mr. Zehren to approve the Arts Impact Survey and place it on the City website. The motion passed. (Ayes 10, Noes 0)

### **4. Annual Events**

- ▶ **Fall – Networking Event**
- ▶ **Spring – Arts Awards**
- ▶ **Summer – Make Music Day**

Ms. Ness suggested that we have annual events that are sponsored by the Commission. Suggestions would be the Networking Event, Arts Awards and Make Music Day.

Mr. Zehren said the Arts Awards are good, but the same people win. We need to think of new ways to reach more people. Ms. Barber said maybe the Commission could recognize people in the Community instead of the Artist applying for the Award. Ms. Ness said we will discuss the Arts Awards at the April meeting – bring ideas.

### **Commissioner Comments**

Ms. Gentile asked if the Commission has a presence at City wide events. Ms. Ness said it has changed over time. We could discuss a way to promote new artists or hand out literature.

A motion was made to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Kay Schueffner, Secretary*