

**City of Akron**  
**Public Art Commission**  
**Wednesday, February 3, 2021**  
**3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**In Attendance**

**Commissioners:** Nina Aust, Katie Beck, Larissa Brown, Lauren Butterworth, April Couch, Jon Fiume, Dara Harper, Jill Bacon Madden, Danika Stevenson and Kat Wentz.

**City Staff:** Vonsheay Brown, Summer Hall, Mayor Daniel Horrigan, Heather Roszczyk

**Guests:** Amanda Golden, Megan Harvey, Nicole Mullet

- I. Call to order by Summer Hall at 3:00pm. The meeting began with Summer Hall welcoming the Commission and introducing Mayor Dan Horrigan.
- II. **Introduction – Mayor Dan Horrigan**
  - a. Mayor Horrigan began the meeting by addressing the Public Arts Commission and explaining how important the arts are to the city of Akron. He continued by stating that the City of Akron Public Arts Commission represents the community and the individuals on the Commission will be invaluable when selecting public art pieces for the city of Akron. He then turned the meeting over to Summer Hall who introduced Nicole Mullet from ArtsNow and Amanda Golden from Designing Local.
- III. **Introduction – Nicole Mullet (ArtsNow) and Amanda Golden (Designing Local)**
  - a. Nicole Mullet addressed the Commission and the impact of the Cultural Plan. Research was done and 12-18 months were invested in a study between 2019 and 2020 for a Cultural Plan to identify 10 priorities for the city. One of these priorities was public art that could be inclusively and intentionally driven by the Akron Community.
  - b. Amanda Golden informed the Commission that she would be a resource for questions about the Public Art process and outlining the plans, roles and policies of the Commission.
- IV. **Upcoming Meeting Dates – Summer Hall**
  - a. Summer Hall then reviewed the upcoming meeting dates and times. Future meetings would use the same link as the one provided for the February meeting.
    - i. February 3, 2021 from 3-4:30pm
    - ii. April 7, 2021 from 3-4:30pm
    - iii. July 7, 2021 from 3-4:30pm
    - iv. October 6, 2021 from 3-4:30pm
    - v. December 8, 2021 from 3-4:30pm
- V. **Accessing Information – Summer Hall**
  - a. Summer continued the meeting by telling the Commission that the website for the Akron Public Arts Commission is [Akronpublicart.com](http://Akronpublicart.com). The website will contain all information regarding the Commission including the mission, projects, policies, bios on Commissioners, links to attend meetings, etc.

**VI. Introduction of Commission Members and Election of Officers – Summer Hall**

- a. The Akron Public Arts Commissioners were then introduced by Summer Hall – Lauren Butterworth, Jill Bacon Madden, Katie Beck, Larissa Brown, April Couch, Jon Fiume, Dara Harper, Danika Stevenson, and Kat Wentz. She thanked them for their hard work and work to come.
- b. Commissioners who were interested in leadership positions. The following slate was then presented:
  - i. Kat Wentz – Chair
  - ii. Larissa Brown – Vice Chair
  - iii. Dara Harper – Secretary
  - iv. Jill Bacon Madden – Treasurer
- c. An approval of the slate was then voted upon. Vonsheay Brown informed the Commission that all faces must be shown when voting over Zoom. The Commission agreed to put hands up when voting to help with the count as well. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**VII. Overview of Funding**

- a. Summer Hall reported to the Commission the TIF has not generated funds at this present time for art in 2021. Vonsheay Brown was then introduced.

**VIII. Commission Rules and Policies – Vonsheay Brown**

- a. Vonsheay Brown began by reviewing that the City of Akron passed an ordinance for the Commission to modify and create rules and procedures for the Commission. A draft of the Rules of Organization and Operation were presented in draft form. It was determined that the Commission will review bylaws from Columbus and other municipalities and revisit the draft in the future.

**IX. Moving Forward**

- a. Amanda Golden will share a Commission from Columbus to the Akron Commission.
- b. Nicole Mullet will share the Public Art Plan document with the Commission.
- c. Vonsheay will share the updated Rules of Organization and Operation document with the Commission.
  - i. These will be shared on the screen during the next meeting.
  - ii. If anyone from the Commission has questions about the Rules of Organization, they can contact Vonsheay Brown and Summer Hall as well.
- d. Officers will be able to meet to create an agenda prior to each meeting but there must be 5 members together for this.

**X. Old Business**

- a. There was no old business at this time.

**XI. New Business**

- a. There was no new business at this time.

- XII. Chair Kat Wentz asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Kat Wentz and seconded by Jill Bacon Madden. There was unanimous approval. The meeting was adjourned by Kat Wentz at 3:59pm.