

**City of Morgantown
Cultural Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2022**

Present: Mark McCoy – Chair
Nikki Bowman Mills – Vice Chair
Rick McEwuen – Secretary Treasurer
Ron Dulaney
Mark Downs
Josh Williamson
Brian Butcher – City Councilor Ward 7

Absent: Jeff Arnett – Mon County Commissioner

Public: None

Meeting called to order by at 5:32 P.M. Meeting took place at the Historic Depot, Hazel Ruby McQuain Park.

Minutes:

The April 2022 minutes were reviewed.

Motion to approve minutes – Commissioner Nikki Bowman Mills
2nd – Commissioner Rick McEwuen

Motion passed 3-0 4 abstained

Public Comment:

None

New Business:

The Commissioners discussed and reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Commission and ad-hoc committees. A committee will be assembled for a specific project, the committee will make recommendations to the Arts Commission and the Commission will then review the procedures used for the decision and decide whether to make a recommendation to the City for action on the project. The discussion included the Public Art/Mural Committee and its work.

The Commission and discussed the HRMP rental fees and decided to review the actual costs of running the park and possible re-evaluation of fee structure toward the end of the summer or early fall in particular regarding non-profit entities. Revenues generated in the park must be used for the park.

Mark McCoy suggested the Commission look at what other cities are doing in their parks and, in the fall, reflect and brainstorm on what activities might work for the next summer season in the park.

Vincent announced that Randall Reid Smith will be in town on August 4th and Vincent will be hosting him to review what has been happening in arts and culture in Morgantown.

Director's Report: Vincent E. Kitch

Director Kitch provided an overview of events and activities of the Arts & Cultural Development Department.

MHM – Vincent said he hope to hire a manager for the museum in the late summer of early fall.

Met – The Met carpeting has been installed.

HRMP – Full production mode getting ready for concerts. First event Saturday, May 28 – Morgantown Music Festival. Mon Health had an event at the park this past Saturday with Mon’s Got Talent for about 100 people.

DACD was notified they received another \$10,000 grant for the summer concerts from the Met. Mark Downs and Vincent discussed a pilot program in August for selling beer in the park during certain events.

The next meeting will take place on June 8, 2022, Historic Depot – Hazel Ruby McQuain Park.

Motion to adjourn

Commissioner Ron Dulaney
2nd Commissioner Josh Williamson

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39PM.

Submitted by Rick McEwuen – Secretary Treasurer