

**City of Morgantown
Cultural Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2022**

Present: Mark McCoy – Chair
Nikki Bowman Mills – Vice Chair
Rick McEwuen – Secretary Treasurer
Josh Williamson

Absent: Mark Downs, Ron Dulaney, Lisa Giuliani, Jeff Arnett – Mon County Commissioner, Brian Butcher – City Councilor Ward 7

Public: None

Meeting called to order by at 5:47 P.M. Meeting took place at the Historic Depot, Hazel Ruby McQuain Park.

Minutes:

The June 2022 minutes were reviewed.

Motion to approve minutes – Commissioner Josh Williamson
2nd – Commissioner Mark McCoy

Motion passed 5-0

Public Comment:

None

New Business:

Director Kitch presented the recommendation from the Woodburn Community Mural Project Public Art Advisory Committee to recommend artist Nichole Westfall’s design concept ***Little Explorers*** be approved.

Motion to approve Ann Tarantino for the Westover Bridge Pier Mural Project

Motion – Commissioner Mark McCoy
2nd – Commissioner Josh Williamson

Motion passed 4-0

Director’s Report: Vincent E. Kitch

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

MHM – We have secured approval to continue to have a FT AmeriCorps position for the 2022-2023 fiscal year from Preservation Alliance of West Virginia. Lee Maddox has agreed to stay on in that role. Vincent has reached out to HR to post the Museum Manager position.

Met – The new digital poster case is up and running. We have bids out for the replacement of the HVAC System estimated to be around \$400,000. We received notice of a \$75,000 grant from the WV Commission on the Arts to help with this project. Met will be dark until September when they have Neil McCoy on 9/2 from Drusky Entertainment. That is also the same night as the final concert here at the Amphitheater.

HRMP – The Ruby Summer concert series is going strong. Averaging 1500 people or more per week. Last week we had rain and limited the crowd to 500. There are 4 more concerts Sanctus Real, Sister Hazel, Bela Fleck, and Del Castillo. We also received a grant from WV Commission on the Arts of \$20,000 for this summer.

Other – The Westover Bridge Pier Mural was completed on schedule and the response has been great. City is working with local event promoter Jamie Summerlin to develop a High Street Fest scheduled for September 24 from noon-6.

Lisa Giuliani has been appointed to the commission and will attend our next meeting.

Thanks to commissioners

The next meeting will take place on September 14, 2022, Via ZOOM.

Motion to adjourn

Commissioner Josh Williamson
2nd Commissioner Rick McEwuen

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Submitted by Rick McEwuen – Secretary Treasurer