



**CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS
CITY HALL – MADISON ROOM, 300 W. 13 MILE RD.
ARTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2025 AT 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER 6:31

ROLL CALL

Toya Aaron

Mark Bliss

Michael Covert

Ali Dorsey (absent)

Laurie Gerald

Regina Juska-Svoba

Susie King

Bill Mier

Harley Mordarski, Staff Liaison

Jennifer Nagle

Vita Palazzolo (absent)

Sue Popp

Motion by Gerald, Second by Aaron to excuse Vita Palazzolo and Ali Dorsey.

Yea: All

Nay: None

Motion Carries

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Mordarski will follow up with the Clerk's office about acceptable forms of board resignation (Messenger, Facebook, Email, etc.) Mordarski will also follow up with the library regarding the MISILC Disability Pride Event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Aaron, Second by Nagle to approve November 19th, 2024 meeting minutes.

Yea: All

Nay: None

Motion Carries

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

REPORTS

1. Treasurer Report (Mordarski)

Mordarski read off the treasurer's report from the meeting packet. There were no questions.

3. Social Media Report (Nagle)

Nagle reported that interactions are trending downward. Mordarski recommended that Nagle post meetings online to increase resident engagement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. Arts Prom 2025 (Geralds, Bliss, Nagle, Covert, Juska-Svoba, King)

Due to quorum requirements, a member needed to temporarily step down from the committee, at least until Board appointments. The event is scheduled for May 16th, 2025. Mordarski reviewed the Arts Board composition, noting that quorum is defined as more than half of the board. Alternate members can serve on subcommittees but do not count toward quorum since they are not full voting members. Bliss will follow up with the City Clerk to confirm the number of board members. Bliss also suggested hosting a Wicked-themed prom featuring a singalong, marketing around a green carpet and Oz-related puns, and leveraging the popularity of Wicked. The event's guest of honor, Natalie Malotke, is a Broadway choreographer. The subcommittee will meet to discuss further.

5. Skelebration Trail (Geralds, Dorsey)

No updates.

6. Trail Tunes 2025 (Bliss, Palazzolo, Aaron, Mier)

Event planned for September 6th, 2025. Otherwise, no updates.

7. Arts and Pride (Nagle, Dorsey, Popp)

The event is planned for Sunday, June 22nd from 1-6 pm at Civic Center Pavilion B. There is no rain date scheduled. Nagle has filed the pavilion paperwork. Popp asked if funding will increase for the event, and Nagle noted that this event is usually funded by sponsors, so the subcommittee should discuss a sponsorship plan.

8. Civic Center Hopscotch (Popp, Geralds)

Geralds said that the subcommittee is waiting for more information from Eve come spring.

9. DIA Inside|Out 2025 (Geralds, Nagle, King, Juska-Svoba)

The Board approves the DIA's selections. The DIA will send out a Community Partners Training soon. Mordarski asked Mier if the Baseball painting will affect Little Baseball in any capacity and

asked who owned the building the artwork will be placed on. Harley will send specs to Superintendent Dale Steen to ensure Lamphere Schools are still supportive of hosting a piece on their property.

10. HREC Cookbook Collaboration (Nagle, Popp)

Nagle will go to the next HREC meeting to discuss this project. She would like to create a box to bring to various Arts Board events that would allow residents to drop their recipes in the box. Nagle further defined the scope of the project by stating that the HREC wants a creative individual to help with layout, photography, and cover for the cookbook

11. High Schooler City Hall Art Exhibit (King, Aaron)

King is waiting to hear from the principal at Madison and Lamphere.

12. Summer Concert Series (Aaron, Bliss, Geraldts, King, Popp)

The summer concert series lineup has been finalized with four bands scheduled to perform:

- Circle of Sound (R&B Funk) on July 9th
- Five Lakes Metro Brass (Classical) on July 23rd
- Weekend Comeback (Pop/Rock) on August 13th
- Dr. Smith (Oldies) on August 27th.

Each concert will take place from 7:00 pm to 8:00/8:30 pm. Bliss recognized Aaron for her help in compiling the band list. Bliss will also reach out to potential sponsors such as Amoris Liquor (Lamphere Graduates), and Ricky Busler, as recommended by Covert. Additionally, Frank Rewold & Sons, as well as Nowak & Fraus, have expressed interest in sponsoring a night, so Mordarski will follow up to determine their preferred date. Mordarski clarified that sponsors will have a dedicated night to distribute promotional items.

Bliss will request each band to start their set with a specific song from the year the city was founded. Mordarski will check with the Active Adult Center about using their lunchroom facility as a backup rain location as an indoor contingency plan. Lamphere High School's auditorium remains an option, though it involves a cost.

13. Arts Board Merch (King, Covert, Popp, Aaron)

Covert talked to resident artist Jennifer Ramirez, and she is interested in designing an adult shirt for the group. Covert confirmed Jennifer's interest and recommended a scalable design that could be adapted for various types of merchandise. Discussions took place regarding different shirt styles and design elements. It was noted that a larger budget would allow for more options. Covert also suggested that the design should include a logo, represent Madison Heights, highlight the arts, and incorporate an anniversary theme. Aaron volunteered to take the lead on the project. The committee will return with suggestions.

14. Baile Folklórico Performance 2025 (Mordarski, King)

Mordarski emailed Baile Folklorico de Detroit twice and the Mexican Consulate of Detroit once. She received no response.

15. Bandshell Utilization Subcommittee (Gerals, Covert, King, Mier, Popp)

Gerals reported that dueling pianos are too expensive, so alternative options are still being discussed. Definite plans include a mic night or karaoke on two Wednesdays in July, with an estimated cost of \$200. There is also interest in hosting a DJ-led line dancing event. King also suggested an immersive experience for the Deaf community. Recreation is considering an outdoor movie but may be busy with summer camp, though Gerals inquired about the possibility of a screening on August 20th after summer camps are finished. The library will not host stories in the park due to hosting story strolls at Rosie's and Civic Center Park. Bliss suggested comedy or open mic nights if other events cannot be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

16. Work Plan Update

The Board reviewed the work plan and made small updates and corrections that will be reviewed by the City Council at the February 24th meeting.

17. Board Elections

Motion by Gerals, Second by Aaron to nominate Covert for Chair, Aaron for Vice Chair, and Nagle for Social Media.

Yea: All

Nay: None

Motion Carries

All members accepted nominations. Bliss noted that to have admin access to the Arts Board Facebook, the member must be an official officer of the Board.

18. Group Photo

The group took an updated group photo.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 6th at 6:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT at 8:02 pm

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