ARTS AND CULTURE MINUTES
March 7, 2019

Members present: Debbie Mikula, Berl Schwartz, Clara Martinez, Josh Holliday, Stephanie Vasko, Laurie Baumer, Kate Hude, Quinn Jiles, Mike Mariott, Courtney Millbrook, Yvette Collins, Bill Matt, Ozay Moore, Dominic Cochran, Suban Nur Cooley, Barb Whitney, Alison Alfredson, Alice Brinkman

Not present: Jack Davis, Mark Harvey, Scott Keith, Sergei Kvitko, Missy Lilje, Pat Lindemann, Thomas Muth, Julie Pingston, Kelly Stuible-Clark, Sarah Triplett

1. Approval of Agenda
   Chair Schor called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

2. Approval of January Minutes
   a. Berl Schwartz moved to approve the January meeting minutes, Debbie Mikula supported.
      The motion passed unanimously.

3. Committee Reports
   a. Bill Matt gave an overview of the Campus Relations committee as printed in the meeting agenda.
   b. Barb Whitney gave an overview of the Arts Education committee as printed in the meeting agenda.
   c. Berl Schwartz gave an overview of the Facilities & Infrastructure committee as printed in the meeting agenda. Discussion was had about the performing arts center.
   d. Josh Holliday gave an overview of the Talent & Economic Development committee as printed in the meeting agenda.
   e. Dominic Cochran gave an overview of the Communications committee, including a recap of the committee’s meeting with the Salus Center regarding diversity and inclusion in the arts. Discussion was had around the Communications committee checking the commission email. A motion was made and upheld unanimously to bring in groups such as the Salus Center and OneLove Global to speak with the commission about diversity and inclusion.
   f. Alison Alfredson gave an overview of the Public Art committee. They are reviewing the existing art policy that was adopted in 2014 and working on redrafting to something that fits for the city now. Debbie Mikula added that this changes from a review from the Parks Commission/Public Service Commission to the Arts & Culture commission. Guidelines should be ready by next full commission meeting.
   g. Kate Hude gave an overview of the Governance committee, explaining it as the administrative arm of the commission. She reported that the Charter is complete. Committee will be working on bylaws for the commission, will present in May. Governance committee will oversee the annual report- set deadlines for committees to get their portion of the annual report together. Due to Mayor by Sept 30. Asked about the possibly of having City Attorney Jim Smiertka come present about Michigan’s Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act.
4. New Business
   a. Executive Order Draft: City of Lansing Public Art Policy
      i. The Public Art Policy was presented by Debbie Mikula as a starting point, will have guidelines.
      ii. Conversation was had around the potential for a percent for arts program.
      iii. Questions were raised about the commission having grant money to award.
          Chair Schor explained that grant funds have been going through LEAP.
      iv. Questions were raised about the definition of public art in this policy.
          Discussion was had around whether performing art should be included.
      v. Discussion was had around whether this would be added to the existing CEPA process/the magnitude of requests.
      vi. The Public Art Committee stated that these new guidelines would be suggestions, much like the current guidelines.
      vii. The MAACC agreed that they would like to see the guidelines before moving ahead with approving recommending the executive order.

5. Other General Discussion

6. Adjourn
   The meeting was adjourned without objection at 4:45pm.