Meeting began at 3pm

Present Members:
Tom Muth, Mike Marriott, Kate Hude, Erin Schor, Scott Keith, Alison Alfredson, Berl Schwartz, Bill Matt, Jack Davis, Laurie Baumer, Barb Whitney, Kelly Stuble-Clark, Josh Holliday, Stephanie Vasko, Quinn Giles, Julie Pingston, Alice Brinkman, Clara Martinez, Missy Lilje, Ozay Moore, Courtney Millbrook, Audrey Matusz (Hostess and guest of Berl Schwartz)

Approval of Agenda
- Approved via voice vote

Approval of March Minutes:
- Mr. Matt made a motion to approve the March minutes
  - Motion was approved unanimously
Committee Reports

Facilities and Infrastructure Committee – Chair Schwartz reported that the Committee will next meet on Friday May 10 from 9am-noon in Boardroom B at the Lansing Center. Their guest will be a consultant from EMS.

Arts Education Arts Ed. – Chair Whitney Reported that the committee had a productive discussion about what Lansing’s Art Education model will look like in the future. They examined the Houston, Dallas, and Boston models to name a few but are also looking to create a new model that could be a framework for a national model. Something for ALL ages before and after school-age. The committee will host Yvonne Caamal Canul and Mark Coscarella from the Lansing School District to help move vision forward. Questions were raised on how to celebrate successes & communicate good news. Would it channel through other MAACC Committees or can Arts Ed. put out directly?

Communications and Advocacy – Chair Cochran Reported that the committee had discussion regarding the difference between marketing and communications. While they’re focused on advocacy currently, they have the ability to be the receivers of information for the Commission where they will then triage and decide how best to respond. In terms of marketing, they would need to discuss with larger commission as another committee might have more expertise in an area. Plenty of good marketing minds in Commission! The Committee is looking forward to the future and focusing on their strengths. At the most recent Leadership Committee they discussed having a Communications Committee member as a member of every other Committee. We’ll miss Quinn as she’ll be will be moving on. The question was raised if committees could be comprised of non-members of the Commission (Audrey will get invite)
The Committee is planning listening sessions for creatives, especially in groups that might not be reached by mainstream institutions.

The Question was raised by Barb Whitney if Committees can take Ad Hoc members. Kate Hude responded saying that it is something that can be discussed when the Bylaws are considered.

**Talent and Economic Development** – Chair Holliday reported that the Committee is working with stakeholders and partners in the region learning how can we support them with tools, advocacy, information, and resources. Goals for 2019 include making a directory for spaces (517 Living, etc) what s more broad and comprehensive. A resources that will include gallery, studio, restaurant (as gallery) and event space. Will discuss microloans at next meeting and will bring in LEAP to discuss.

There was discussion regarding percent for art program. Will get a meeting with the Mayor soon to get direction on how to proceed with public art.

The Commission should be involved with local developers to make sure public art is included in their plans.

**Campus Relations** – Chair Matt reported that the Campus Relations Committee will next meet June 14 @ LCC. Their last meeting featured a presentation by MSU about their arts strategy. MSU’s presentation can be found in the Commission packet for the May 2 meeting or at [https://ideas.msu.edu/](https://ideas.msu.edu/). MSU wants to be unique in nation. The Committee discussed what areas in city can use campus resources. They identified a need to broaden their network. Andrea Crawford of the Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement Department is coming to their next meeting to assist in developing this network
**Governance** – Chair Hude stated that non-members can be included in Committees per the bylaws but will develop them further. It was requested that Commission members please review and submit recommendations and questions about the bylaws by June 21 so that the Committee can review, compose a final draft and release to Commission by July 1 with a vote to take place on July 11.

Discussion on the role of Bylaws as related to Charter. Bylaws fill in the gaps that exist w/Charter. Charter=Bones, Bylaws=Muscle

The Committee is working on the Commission’s Annual Report as well. Committees should submit their reports by July. Then Governance Committee will compile and get draft to commission in August, September meeting will vote on final Annual Report which is due to the Mayor by September 30th.

**Public Art** – Chair Alfredson reported that much good work has taken place via email regarding public art policy guidelines. She noted there are lots of moving parts; City Hall, public spaces, etc.

It was noted that the Lansing Art Gallery used to handle guidelines and has since stepped away of that.

The discussion moved to the Public Art Policy language

Discussion was had about best practices regarding public comment on public art installations.

The Chair asked of the Commission was comfortable moving these guidelines as a working draft so the process can continue and an Executive Order can be issued. The guidelines will then be amended as needed
Further Discussion about the Policy continued.

Discussion was had on language that shapes the make-up of public art panel.

**Commissioner Davis – Moved to Approve the Draft with changes suggested. Commissioner Schwartz seconded**

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion began regarding the Mayor’s EO on Public Art Policy

Parks Board might feel like this EO circumvents them, need to consider Communicate with DEPT not liaise with Board specifically.

**Commissioner Pingston - Moved to approve the Policy Seconded by Commissioner Keith**

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion continued on Bylaws Draft

Discussion of the creation of an Arts & Culture Grant Committee where a new category of pocket grants (smaller dollar amounts to nonprofessional artists) Commissioners Pingston, Davis, Holliday and Schwartz volunteered to serve on the Committee.

Adjournment - 4:54pm