

Public Arts Commission of Oxford

Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 4:30PM

Minutes of the meeting

Present: Steve Sullivan, Chair; Edna Southard, Vice-Chair; Robert Benson, Recording Secretary; Stefanie Hilles, Carole Katz, Norm Krumpe
Absent: Joe Prescher (excused)

1. The virtual meeting of the Public Arts Commission of Oxford (PACO) was **called to order by Steve Sullivan at 4:40PM.**
2. The **Agenda** was approved
3. The **Minutes** of the April 13May 11, 2021 PACO virtual meetings were approved.

4. Old Business

a. Mural update and Permit Fee

Steve and Edna announced that PACO's recommendation to the city that Ella Cope's mural be mounted on the Municipal Building was accepted by the City Council. Although Council was willing to mount the mural immediately, Ella Cope requested a delay so that she could use it in a presentation she is doing for the National Civil Rights Conference to be held in Oxford on June 22. On June 21, a bronze plaque memorializing the two volunteers who were lynched in 1965 in Alabama will be mounted in Oxford's Memorial Park. Marcum and Peabody Hall will be the sites for the conference meetings. Ella will speak at the conference.

Upon completion of this event, the city will create a contract with Ella. A bronze plaque (18" x 18") identifying Ella as the creator of the mural is already in production.

According to an e-mail from Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager, the HAPC certificate of appropriateness that must be completed will cost \$169.99. Jessica suggests that PACO pay this fee out of its own budget.

Norm Krumpe asked who is the owner of the mural: Ella or the City of Oxford? Steve Sullivan stated that the wording on the permit indicates that Ella retains ownership and that the mural will be displayed for a maximum of five years (ending on July 10, 2026).

Norm moved that PACO pay the fee. Carole Katz seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

b. Comprehensive Plan

Steve Sullivan reported that he had attended the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to bring all city commissions up to speed on the state of the process for creating the plan. Steve received a booklet of preliminary information for the new comprehensive plan, indicating that it would not be a static document but a living one, not published in written form but maintained, updated, modified, and available to all online. One of the important

parts of the new plan is a series of maps, planned and initiated by Andrew Wilson before he resigned his position with the city. Jessica's office will continue the work begun by Andrew and will publish some on the city's new web site, currently being built.

c. Founding and Foundational Documents and PACO Strategic Plan

These are really two separate issues. A sub-committee of two or three people should take over constructing the Strategic Plan, beginning with existing conditions. Steve appointed Carole Katz and Bob Benson to this sub-committee. The intention is that Carole and Bob would have a draft for discussion and debate for the regular PACO monthly meeting in July.

Steve suggested that the strategic plan document should overlap clearly and comfortably with the founding and foundational documents, should avoid any loaded terms such as "broker" and should offer a list of concrete proposals indicating benefits, educational opportunities, etc.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Member Announcements

Stefanie Hilles announced that although she is remaining in her position at Miami University, she will be moving from Oxford to Hamilton and thus must resign her position on PACO, the July meeting being her last. The other commissioners expressed sorrow and regret but thanked Stefanie for her excellent work on the PACO and wished her well.

Steve and Edna announced that we are done with Zoom meetings and, beginning in July and according to the executive order of Governor DeWine, we will return to the lower level conference room in the Municipal Building for our regular meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Benson, Recording Secretary