



**Minutes
Commission on the Arts Meeting
Civil War Museum
5400 First Ave.
Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016
3:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Candy Eisenhauer, Amy Greil, Tina Niemi Johnson, Lou Molitor, Alyssa Nepper, Becky Noble, Scott Plank, Tom Targos, Lesley Walker

Excused: Kate Walker

City Staff: Kris Kochman, Community Relations Liaison; Dan Joyce, director Kenosha Public Museums

Visitors: Francisco Loyola

1 Acting chairman Lou Molitor called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2 Commissioner Introductions

3 Approval of the minutes of Nov. 3, 2015

4 Election of officers

Molitor and Greil nominated as chairperson. Greil was elected chairwoman with six votes; Molitor received three votes. MSC (Targos/Noble) to unanimously elected Lesley Walker as vice-chairwoman.

5 Greil presented Visioning Session results from Nov. 19 Community Arts Discussion: Kenosha Rising.

6 Discussion of Arts Commission web site

Commissioners requested that the city web page link to the web page: Kenosharising.com, which is administered by Greil and Loyola. Plank asked if the city could link to other arts-related sites including KUSD, local colleges and Expose Kenosha.

7 Plans for 2016 Activities and Events.

a. Local gallery owners plan to collaborate. They are invited to present plans at the March meeting of the Commission.

b. Networking events for the arts community. Targos said the Community Foundation could cover the cost of the first one. Joyce offered to host the event at the Kenosha Public Museum. It will take place after March 1. L. Walker offered to sponsor a future networking event at UW-Parkside. MSC (Molitor/L. Walker) to organize networking

events. Unanimous approval.

Molitor offered to donate two booths for artists at the Chamber of Commerce Expo March 5-6.

c. L. Walker suggested adding a pop-up gallery to existing business meetings such as the Business Excellence Awards. Item tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

d. Arts Awards program MSC (Molitor/ L. Walker) to continue the program. Unanimous approval.

6 Bolz Center for Arts Administration at UW-Madison

Greil presented an opportunity for the commission to work with the Bolz Center's MBA program on developing a cultural plan. It involves a retreat and intensive planning with students. The commission would take a leadership role.

The program's instructor will be invited to speak to the commission and provide further details at the next meeting.

7 The next meeting date was set for Feb. 2.

8 MSC (Molitor/Targos) to adjourn at 5 p.m.

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Commissioners Present: Candy Eisenhauer, Amy Greil, Tina Niemi Johnson, Lou Molitor, Alyssa Nepper, Scott Plank, Kate Walker, Lesley Walker

Excused: Becky Noble, Tom Targos

City Staff: Kris Kochman, Community Relations Liaison; Dan Joyce, director Kenosha Public Museums

Visitors: Francisco Loyola, Temple Burling, Ron Larson

1 Chairman Amy Greil called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2 Commissioner Introductions

3 Approval of the minutes of Jan. 5, 2016: MSC (Molitor/Eisenhauer)

4 Review status of Arts Commission subcommittees

Eisenhauer and Molitor agreed to serve on the Legislative subcommittee.

Eisenhauer and Nepper agreed to serve on the Public Relations subcommittee.

Discussion on an Arts Awards subcommittee was postponed until the next meeting.

5 Arts Awards Program: discussion postponed until the next meeting.

6 Discussion of Arts Commission networking event March 3.

The event will take place from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 3 at the Kenosha Public Museum. Refreshments will be funded by the Kenosha Community Foundation. Lesley Walker suggested showcasing local artists to perform or display art.

MSC (L. Walker/Eisenhauer) to include the performances and/or displays as part of the event. L. Walker agreed to work with Loyola and Burling to identify artists and performers for the event.

7 Bolz Center for Arts Administration at UW-Madison

Sherry Wagner-Henry and Christine Harris joined the meeting via video conference to

discuss the opportunity for MBA students to work with the commission on developing a cultural plan. It involves a retreat and intensive planning with students. The commission would take a leadership role, along with community stakeholders. Museum director Dan Joyce expressed support for the endeavor. The discussion will continue at the March 3 meeting. Greil will ask Bolz Center representatives to draft a Memo of Understanding, which may need approval by the city.

8 The next meeting date was set for March 1.

9 MSC (L. Walker/Eisenhauer) to adjourn at 5:15 p.m.



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Commission on the Arts Meeting
Civil War Museum
5400 First Ave.
Tuesday, March 1, 2016
3:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Amy Greil, Lou Molitor, Alyssa Nepper, Becky Noble, Scott Plank, Kate Walker

Excused: Candy Eisenhauer, Tina Niemi Johnson, Tom Targos, Lesley Walker

City Staff: Kris Kochman, Community Relations Liaison; Dan Joyce, director Kenosha Public Museums

Visitors: Francisco Loyola, Temple Burling, Beth Dary, Dale Mellior

1 Chairman Amy Greil called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

2 Presentation on behalf of Kenosha gallery owners: Dale Mellior

3 Approval of the minutes of Feb. 2, 2016: MSC (Noble/Molitor)

4 Citizen Comments. Francisco Loyola spoke about the opportunity for commissioners to participate in the Chamber of Commerce Expo on Saturday, March 5. He handed out information on Kenosha Creative Space.

5 Arts Awards/Events subcommittee report. Greil stated that the group had met and would report to the commission at the next meeting.

6 Arts Awards Program: discussion postponed until the next meeting.

7 Networking with the Arts event March 3.

Greil stated that plans are set and the public is welcome to attend.

8 Legislative sub-committee report. Greil stated that the committee decided to follow up on ideas related to the cabaret and busking ordinances after a new mayor is elected in April.

9 Bolz Center for Arts Administration at UW-Madison

Sherry Wagner-Henry and Christine Harris joined the meeting via video conference to

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discuss the opportunity for MBA students to work with the commission on developing a cultural plan. Greil provided a handout with details of the proposed collaboration: Creative Economy Planning for Kenosha. She also presented a timeline of events and activities for the Commission that included highlights of the proposed project. Next steps: Greil plans to schedule a special meeting of arts commission members soon to vote on whether or not to support the project. City of Kenosha Common Council approval is needed before proceeding.

10 The next regular meeting date was set for April 5.

11 MSC (Noble/Molitor) to adjourn at 5 p.m.



**Minutes
Commission on the Arts Meeting
Civil War Museum
5400 First Ave.
Friday, March 18, 2016
4 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Temple Burling, Lou Molitor, Lesley Walker, Tina Niemi Johnson, Candy Eisenhauer, Becky Noble, Tom Targos, Alyssa Nepper, Amy Greil

Excused: Scott Plank, Kate Walker

1. Discussion on collaborating with the Bolz Center at UW-Madison for Creative Economy Planning.

Greil shared draft Memorandum of Understanding outlining roles/responsibilities of three parties: Kenosha Community Foundation, the city of Kenosha and the Commission on the Arts.

Motion made by Molitor to accept working agreement with Bolz Center, seconded by L. Walker.

Discussion

Amendment to include additional stated roles/responsibilities of UW-Madison Bolz Center for Arts Administration:

- Provide regular, periodic updates in advance of monthly commission meetings.
- Prepare final report of the Kenosha Creative Economy Strategic Plan by May 2017

Motion to accept amended working agreement by Noble, seconded by Targos. Unanimous vote in favor of motion.

2. Motion to adjourn by Targos and seconded by Burling at 4:20 p.m.



Minutes
Commission on the Arts Meeting
Civil War Museum
5400 First Ave.
3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Commissioners present at roll call: Temple Burling, Tina Niemi Johnson, Becky Noble, Tom Targos, Kate Walker, Lesley Walker

Note: Scott Plank arrived at 3:50 p.m. Lou Molitor arrived at 4 p.m.

Excused: Candy Eisenhauer, Amy Greil, Alyssa Nepper

City Staff: Kris Kochman, Community Relations Liaison; Dan Joyce, director Kenosha Public Museums

Visitors: Francisco Loyola, Ronald Larson, Don Gillespie

1 Vice-Chairperson Lesley Walker called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

2 Approval of the minutes of March 1, 2016: MSC (Noble/Burling); approval of the minutes of March 18, 2018: MSC (Noble/ Targos).

3 Presentation on Lincoln Park Live and the Mahone Fund: Don Gillespie. The Arts commission is invited to host a mixer in conjunction with a concert planned for June 22.

4 Discussion regarding Nita Hunter and the Citizen Welles Society of Kenosha. Targos proposed that the commission ask the Mayor's office to create a commendation in recognition of Hunter's efforts in the 100th birthday celebration of Orson Welles in 2015. MSC (Molitor/Burling) to request the commendation as Targos proposed. Targos offered to fill out the request to the Mayor's office for a commendation on behalf of the Arts Commission. The commission has a goal of presenting the commendation to Hunter at an upcoming 101st birthday celebration for Welles on May 19.

5 Update regarding the Kenosha Creative Economy Strategic Plan: L. Walker shared notes from Greil, regarding plans to meet with students from approximately 2:30 to 5 p.m. May 4. Commission members indicated they would prefer to meet with students on May 3 if possible. May 3 is the next regularly scheduled meeting of the commission. Four members indicated they would be available to meet May 4. Walker will check with Greil to see if the meeting date can be changed and will confirm the final meeting date with commission members.

6 Public Relations Committee Report: L. Walker shared notes from Greil regarding a time line for the Arts Awards program. Discussion on first steps for this year's program: Walker and Greil will work on obtaining/ renewing sponsorships. Noble offered to assist with her contacts at Equity and Southport Bank. K. Walker offered to follow up with Gateway's sponsorship.

7 Commissioner Comments

Molitor invited commissioners to attend Business After Five at Circa on Seventh on April 7.

K. Walker invited commissioners to attend the Student Design Show at the Gateway S.C. Johnson IMET Center April 4-8.

Plank shared the news that Kenosha has been recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants.

8 MSC (Targos/Molitor) to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.



Minutes
Commission on the Arts Meeting
City Hall
625 52nd St., room 301.
3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Commissioners present at roll call: Candy Eisenhauer, Amy Greil, Alyssa Nepper, Becky Noble, Tom Targos, Lesley Walker, Scott Plank, Lou Molitor

Tina Niemi arrived at 3:45 p.m.

Excused: Temple Burling, Kate Walker

City Staff: Kris Kochman, Community Relations Liaison; Dana Provost, special events intern

Visitors: Francisco Loyola, Kenneth Murray

1 Chairperson Amy Greil called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2 Approval of the minutes of April 5, 2016: MSC (Targos/Noble).

3 Arts Awards Program

Greil reviewed the timeline, including a deadline for award nominations of July 15. Noble agreed to design the program, which will be printed at Gateway. The awards will be presented during a program at UW-Parkside at a date to be determined in early November. UW-Parkside will be recognized as a sponsor. Targos offered to provide the music through the Kenosha Community Foundation. Noble suggested that the commission aim to pay musicians for any performances at commission functions.

Greil presented an opportunity for the arts awards to be designed through a competition at Gateway Technical College. MSC (Noble/Nepper).

Commissioners agreed to several updates to the awards and will update the nomination form to reflect those changes:

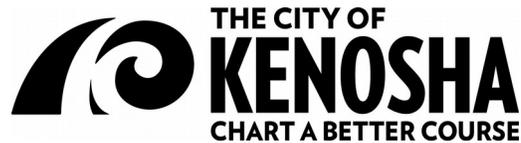
- Awards will honor arts activities in the past 18 months.
- Past winners are eligible for nominations.
- Commissioners are not eligible for individual awards.
- Up to five winners will receive a \$250 award. An additional grand prize of \$1,000 will be awarded to one nominee. MSC (Plank/ Eisenhauer).

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Noble suggested the arts awards program be an annual event, rather than bi-annual as originally proposed. MSC (Noble/Targos).

- 4 Networking event July 13 at Lincoln Park Live
Greil presented a draft of a letter of support for the concert series on behalf of the commission. Commissioners were asked to promote the series, attend it and encourage others to attend. MSC (Targos/Noble).
- 5 Update on the Kenosha Creative Economy Strategic Plan with the Bolz Center.
Up to four commission members may participate on the steering committee. All commissioners are invited to submitted names of other people to serve on the committee. Lesley Walker, Kate Walker and Greil indicated they would like to serve on the committee. No one else volunteered at this time. MSC (Targos/Molitor) to appoint L. Walker, K. Walker and Greil to the steering committee.
- 6 Presentation: Kenneth Murray, Kenosha Symphony Orchestra.
- 7 Next meeting date: 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2016.
- 8 MSC (Targos/Nepper) to adjourn at 5:10 p.m.



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Commissioners present at roll call: Amy Greil, Tina Johnson, Lou Molitor, Scott Plank, Tom Targos, Kate Walker

Lesley Walker arrived at 3:50 p.m.

Excused: Candy Eisenhauer, Alyssa Nepper, Beck Noble, Temple Burling

City Staff: Dana Provost, Special Events Intern

Visitors: Francisco Loyola, John Zehren

1. Chairperson Amy Greil called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of June 7, 2016: MSC (Molitor/Targos)
3. Visitor Francisco Loyola brought in a flyer, announcing the Lease/Option to Buy agreement had been secured and the Creative Space took possession on July 1, 2016. Tom Targos suggested adding information on how to donate to the promotional flyer.
4. Presentation: John Zehren, Gateway Technical College Fab Lab Technician
5. Update on the Steering committee nominations.
A total of 14 applications were received as of July 5. It was decided to accept applications until July 15, aiming for a total of 25-30. If we receive 20 nominations or less, we should make a call out for more from CCOA. 25-35, we should allow all of these if qualified. If there are 35+ we should screen the nominations to bring it down to 30. Tom Targos then suggested that the Chairwoman and Vice-Chair should be the ones to check how many applications are received. MSC (Molitor/Plank).
6. Arts Awards Program
Deadline for award nomination is July 15th. It was suggested that the Mayor present the awards. It was suggested that nominations be saved within a Google Folder. Hard copies of nomination will be provided at the August meeting. Amy will check with City of Kenosha if this is feasible. The evaluation form will stay the same as last year. Everyone will be forwarded the submitted nominations and then given one week to review and complete the evaluation rubric.

7. Networking event July 13 at Lincoln Park Live

Networking event will kick off at 5:30 p.m. for networking. Music begins at 6:30. Food and non-alcoholic drink will be available for purchase.

8. Letter of Support for Symphony

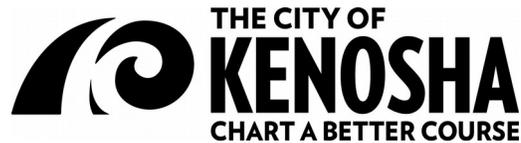
The Symphony needs the letter in August. Tom Targos will send a draft to Amy Greil and she will pass it along to the Symphony.

9. Other news/events

Information was distributed with dates and information for Lincoln Park Live as well as for Harbor Park Jazz, Rhythm & Blues Festival on Saturday, August 20. KUSD has a summer art show coming up at the Civil War Museum. The show will open at noon on Monday, July 13, and will remain open for public viewing during regular museum hours through Sunday, July 19. Lou Molitor wanted to discuss Grill Games and it was decided to touch base about the event next meeting.

10. Next meeting date: 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

11. MSC: (Targos/Walker) to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.



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Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016
3:30 p.m.**

Commissioners present: Amy Greil, Lou Molitor, Scott Plank, Tom Targos, Kate Walker, Lesley Walker, Alyssa Nepper, Becky Noble

Excused: Candy Eisenhauer, Temple Burling, Tina Niemi Johnson

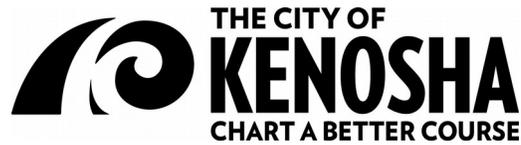
City Staff: Kris Kochman

Visitors: Francisco Loyola, Ronald Larson, Kristin Crowe, Kenneth Murray, Don Miller

1. Chairperson Amy Greil called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. and offered introductions.
2. Approval of the minutes of July 5, 2016: MSC (Targos/Molitor)
3. Citizen Comments: Kenneth Murray, director of the Kenosha Symphony Orchestra, shared a brochure for the upcoming season. Francisco Loyola invited people to attend an Aug. 18 photography exhibit at Fusion, featuring the work of commission member Alyssa Nepper.
4. Update on the Kenosha Creative Economy Strategic Plan
Greil shared a syllabus developed by students at the Bolz Center. Commissioners were advised to save the date for a dinner meeting on Oct. 3 and a town hall meeting on Nov. 22. Greil plans to meet with the Mayor soon to discuss funding needed for the project. A total of 32 nominations for the steering committee were received by the deadline of July 31 and 25 people were selected. There was a discussion of adding additional members to the steering committee.
MSC (Noble/K. Walker) to let L. Walker and Greil decide on the final makeup of the steering committee.
6. Arts Awards Program
Nine people were nominated; three of them received a second nomination. Discussion of nominees based on the evaluation rubric.
MSC (Targos/ K. Walker) to award four awards of \$250 each to the Kenosha Symphony Orchestra, Alex Metalsky/Lakeside Players, Marjorie Meyer/ReVision Gallery and the Southport Quilters.
MSC (Targos/ K. Walker) to give one award of \$1,000 to Chet Griffith/ArtWorks.

Discussion of revising the award application process for 2017: motion (L.Walker/Noble) was tabled. Noble suggested asking the public to nominate organizations or individuals by name; but ask those nominated to completed the application process to apply for the awards.

7. Next meeting date: Tuesday, Sept. 6.
8. MSC: (Noble/L. Walker) to adjourn at 5 p.m.



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3:30 p.m.**

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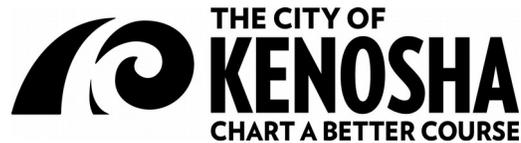
Excused: Candy Eisenhauer, Becky Noble, Alyssa Nepper

City Staff: Kris Kochman, Museum director Dan Joyce

Visitors: Francisco Loyola, Kenneth Murray, Brock Portilia, Mary Matthews, Beth Dary, John Zern

1. Chairperson Amy Greil called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. and offered introductions.
2. Approval of the minutes of Aug. 2, 2016: MSC (L. Walker/Targos)
3. Presentation: Brock Portilia talked about his work with KABA.
4. Awards Ceremony Preparations
Discussion of the program for 6-8 p.m. Nov. 16 at UW-Parkside
A reception will begin at 6 p.m. with refreshments provided by UW-Parkside and a cash bar. At 7 p.m. a symphony quartet will perform in Bedford Hall, followed by the awards presentation.

Award winners also will be recognized at the Dec. 5 meeting of the Common Council.
5. Update on the Kenosha Creative Economy Strategic Plan
Greil shared background materials on the arts in Kenosha, which were distributed to the students at the Bolz Center. Data was based on the Kenosha Rising survey. Commissioners were advised to save the date for a town hall meeting on Nov. 22.
6. Next meeting date: Tuesday, Oct. 4.
8. MSC: (Targos/L. Walker) to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.



**Minutes
Commission on the Arts Meeting
Civil War Museum
5400 First Ave.
Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016
3:30 p.m.**

Commissioners present: Amy Greil, Lou Molitor, Alyssa Nepper, Scott Plank, Tom Targos, Kate Walker, Lesley Walker, Tina Niemi Johnson, Temple Burling, Candy Eisenhauer.

Excused: Becky Noble

City Staff: Kris Kochman

Visitors: Francisco Loyola, Marjorie Meyer

1. Chairperson Amy Greil called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. and offered introductions.
2. Approval of the minutes of Sept. 6, 2016: MSC (Molitor/Eisenhauer)
3. Awards Ceremony Preparations
Discussion of the program for 6-8 p.m. Nov. 16 at UW-Parkside
A reception will begin at 6 p.m. with refreshments provided by UW-Parkside and a cash bar. At 7 p.m. a symphony quartet will perform in Bedford Hall, followed by the awards presentation.

Award winners also will be recognized at the Dec. 5 meeting of the Common Council.
4. Update on the Kenosha Creative Economy Strategic Plan
Members reviewed a draft of the scope of services for the project. Greil stated she hoped to sign the contract with the Bolz Center soon. Upcoming meetings of the steering committee will take place at 6 p.m. Oct. 11 at Circa on Seventh and also on Nov. 22. Commissioners are welcome to attend, and meetings will be open to the public.
5. Next meeting date: Tuesday, Nov. 1 at UW-Parkside's Bedford Hall.
6. MSC: (Targos/Nepper) to adjourn at 4:35 p.m.