

Kyle Arts and Cultural Commission

Minutes of Meeting held on July 20, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Kyle Arts and Cultural Commission was held on the third Thursday, July 20, 2023 in the Library, Conference Meeting Room at 550 Scott Street, Kyle, TX

Commission Members Present: Vanessa Westbrook, Stephanie Murray, Vicky Phrydas, Brooke Pillifant

Absent: Tera Monroe

Liaisons: Michael Kaufmann-Lynch, Colleen Tierney, Amber Schmeits

Public Comments: Two public comments were made.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vanessa Westbrook at 7:00 pm.

Consent items: Minutes of the June 15, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

Continued Business

Update on the All Aboard Train Depot Painting Event. The voting system is up and running and the last day for people to cast their vote is July 28, 2023. Commissioner Monroe is leading this project and suggested several details regarding the postcards. The commission unanimously agreed to two thousand 5x7 postcards with information about the historic Kyle train depot. A professional photographer will take a picture of the winning painting for the postcards.

An update was provided about the quilt display. Commissioner Atkins prepared the project before her resignation and will be helping to display the quilts in September. The dimensions of the quilts were calculated and the necessary supplies were purchased. The quilts will be on display in City Hall from September 8, 2023 to September 29, 2023.

New Business

Commissioner Phrydas motioned to cancel the August meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Murray. The Arts and Cultural Commission unanimously agreed to cancel the August meeting.

Announcements

A reminder of dates for the upcoming August City Council meeting was made.

Commissioner Phrydas announced that she was resigning effective at the end of the July meeting. Her letter would be submitted to the City Manager's office as soon as possible.

Amber Schmeits introduced herself to the Arts and Cultural Commission. She announced some new pending changes from the July 18, 2023 City Council meeting that were specific to the Arts and Cultural Commission, i.e. a new name, liaison change, "board" label as opposed to

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"commission" label, and no more cultural activities, just art. The name change will be voted on at the August 15, 2023 City Council meeting. Schmeits provided her email for future agenda item notices.

New guidelines were also reviewed by Amber Schmeits regarding a recommendation for an ex-officio member for the commission who would be a city council member; however, this role was removed from new guidelines.

Commissioner Phrydas asked for clarification about City Councilmember Flores-Cale attending and announcing in the January Commission meeting that she was the City Council liaison representing City Council, but the claim from Flores- Cale was not accurate as no city councilmember served in such a role. Ms. Schmeits confirmed Commissioner Phrydas's statement. Commissioner Phrydas also asked several clarifying questions regarding the procedures and duties of the Arts and Cultural Commission once it would be changed to the Art Board. Schmeits clarified that the Art Board can only provide the City of Kyle with physical art and all other art related projects would no longer be a duty of the Art Board.

Commission Chair Westbrook noted that the terms chart needed a correction; seat 6 had Secretary listed but officers are voted on each fiscal year. The officer role is not associated with the seat.

Commissioner Murray announced that she submitted her resignation letter to the City Manager's office, effective August 1, 2023.

The next meeting will be held on September 21, 2023.

Motion to adjourn made by Brooke Pillifant and was seconded by Vicky Phrydas. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary