

**CANTON LEISURE SERVICES
CULTURAL COMMISSION
February 9, 2023**

ROLL CALL

Attendance: Kira Macyda, Neha Rao, Rose Harrell, Vivek Chavan, Kevin Ryan, Laura Mortier, Jon LaFever, Ben Frick, Jessica Bunjik (Recorder)
Excused: Gregg King, Mirada Jenkins Carter, Hasina Abdu, Jaspreet Gill, Tania Ganguly
Absent: Nick Brandon, Thomas Paden, Samar Sakakini

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Macyda at 6:02pm

INTRODUCTIONS

All members were introduced

If you know of anyone who is interested in serving on the Cultural Commission, do let them know there are open positions for the commission still

- Volunteer throughout the calendar year at 6 events
- Spread the word - advocate
- Opportunity to help plan and program
 - Ideas are welcome – most likely to be added to our calendar of events
 - If a stand-alone – need to look at funding and staff resources
 - Could add for the next fiscal year if funding is the issue
 - Fundraising not a focus of the committee anymore

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to accept February 9, 2023, agenda approved by Ryan, supported by Harrell. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 10, 2022, approved by Harrell, supported by Ryan. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Contact List Update

- Nothing received from Tania
- Jessi to create a shared file with a groups contact list

B. Volunteer Experience

- Hasina helped volunteer at MLK event
 - A. Successful events partnered with the schools
 - Over 250 people in attendance
 - Hasina requested name badge – passed out at meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Strategic Plan and Goals and committee
 - Laura and Jessi to work on Strategic Plan and will bring a marked up copy at the next Meeting
 - Kira to assist if needed
- B. Committee Membership and Recruitment
 - Currently has 13 members
 - Reach out to people if interested
- C. Present Upcoming events/programs
 - Q1 events were passed around
 - Q1 is a bit quieter but will amp up at the next Quarter
 - Opportunities available: Jessi send out marketing flyers to the committee as they come out
 - Art Gallery Opening and Reception
 - Chinese Festival – Tania to do opening remarks(?)
 - Art in Bloom
 - A. More hands-on opportunity
 - B. Celebration of spring
 - C. Art fair with live music and vendors
- D. Recommendations/Ideas for Future Programming
 - Many of the programs such as MLK, Chinese Fest, International Fest were created by this commission.
 - Anything that you have seen, heard that you think might be nice to happen in Canton Township
 - Disability Awareness Month – October
 - TR programming for ages 8 and up
 - Celebration night for TR participants
 - A. Banquet, awards, etc.
 - B. Rose suggested Dr. O from U of M as Keynote speaker
 - C. Laura will work with Rose and TR coordinator
 - Leisure Services Advisory Committee (LSAC) is another committee
 - Advocates for CLS
 - Cultural Commission is more program focused
 - LSAC is more facilities, Parks, and Recreation

ROUND TABLE

Opportunity to bring up anything that isn't on the agenda

Something you participate throughout the community to share

Idea – Ukraine program

- Laura to investigate

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public Members

Musical Events throughout the year:

- Many at the Theater
- 7 Thursday night LIVE concerts
 - 6:30-7:00 cultural preshow
- Tuesdays are Terrific – children-based music event in the park
- Village Arts Factory – Wednesdays in July Concerts and Cars
- Framers Market – music performances
- Village Arts Festival
- Liberty Fest

Michigan Asian American – Neha to share flyer with Jessi to share with Youth and Teen centers

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.