

**City of Akron
Public Art Commission
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

In Attendance

Commissioners: Dara Harper, Jill Bacon Madden, Danika Stevenson, Katie Beck and Kat Wentz.

City Staff: Vonsheay Brown, Summer Hall

I. Call to order - Kat Wentz 3:06pm.

II. Public Art Preview- Ward 1, Nancy Holland and Councilman at Large, Jeff Fusco

- a. Public display to honor late Richard Swirsky, his service to the City of Akron
- b. Artist Megan Shane will design and create metal sculpture for designated space in park
- c. Details will be discussed in next public commission meeting regarding their submittable

III. Vote- Kat Wentz 3:17pm, motion to approve February meeting minutes

- a. Minutes Approved/ Jill Madden motioned and Katie Beck 2nd
- b. All commissioners in favor of approving February minutes

IV. Old Business- Budget approved

- a. \$10,000 projects
- b. \$ 5,000 maintenance
- c. \$ 5,000 discretionary

V. New Business-

1. City/Public Awareness of the Commission

- a. Arrange presentation in city council meetings on the roles and responsibilities of the commission
- b. Summer Hall to set up meetings to attend council

2. Public Art Project Ideas /Locations

- a. Contact Mark Greer of Greater Streets
- b. Locations for public art, North Akron, South Akron, East Akron (Arlington)
- c. Projects that can revitalize forgotten neighborhoods
- d. Connect with CDC from each neighborhood/ Akron Parks Collaboratives
- e. Identify city owned land

3. Planning for project

- a. Call for Artists
- b. Press Release
- c. Application via submittable
- d. Selection committee

VI. Public Comments- No Public Comments

VII. Meeting Adjourned - All in favor, meeting ends 3:55pm