

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE

May 2, 2023

Members present: Myrtis Tabb, Betsy Abraham, Billy Trotter, Korkut Akacik, Kim Rushing

Members not present: Cetin Oguz, Sean Johnson

Ex-Officio members present: Katie McClellan, Connie McClellan

Myrtis Tabb called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Billy Trotter made a motion to approve February 2023 minutes as presented, Kim Rushing seconded the motion. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Billy Trotter made a motion to approve the notes from the April 2023 meeting, and Korkut Akacik seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor of the motion.

New Business

The Robert Johnson statue has received approval from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and the location has been finalized. Sean Johnson will begin fundraising to cover the cost of the statue.

Old Business

The committee discussed finding a replacement for the position left vacant by Hadonica Murphy. Committee members questioned if it would be better to leave the seat vacant and have just seven members on the committee. Betsy Abraham made a motion to keep the membership at seven, and Kim Rushing seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor of the motion. Katie McClellan will update the ordinance to change the number of committee members.

Myrtis Tabb discussed changes which will be made to the Beautification Commission ordinance to remove the responsibility of public arts from that commission. The committee also discussed whether the placement of sculptures downtown would fall under the Public Arts Committee.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Myrtis Tabb, Chair