A Special Meeting of the Arts Council Sub-Committee was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 on Tuesday, July 18, 2024, at 7:00PM.

Chair Sebastian called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Sub-Committee Members Coffelt, Hemingway, Hansen, Carmody, and Board Chair Sebastian.

Absent was Sub-Committee Member Schrader & O'Connell.

Also Present was Director of Parks, Recreation & Events, Cagle; City Manager, Ridge; and Community and Economic Development Specialist, Barna.

Committee Member Coffelt moved to approve the agenda of July 18, 2024, regular meeting be approved as written; seconded by Committee Member Carmody, passed unanimously.

Committee Member Coffelt moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2024, regular meeting be approved as written; seconded by Committee Member Carmody, passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None.

Unfinished Business

5.1 Discussion was had on the 4th Annual Grand River Color Tour Triathlon scheduled for October 5, 2024. Chair Sebastian indicated that there is construction happening on the Smithville Bridge that could affect Cycle Route. Director Cagle stated he will talk with our DPW Director to figure out who to contact on the project. Discussion continued with ways to continue marketing the race to pull in more participants.

New Business

6.1 Community and Economic Development Specialist, Lisa Barna gave a list of upcoming DDA events happening in Downtown Eaton Rapids. Barna requested support from the Arts Council for the "Raise the Woof" event on September 21, 2024 to man a station for Bandana making. The Arts Council discussed purchasing the supplies and stamp for the Bandana making station.

Committee Member Carmody moved for the Eaton Rapids Arts Council to purchase supplies for the Bandana Making Station for “Raise the Woof” on September 21, 2024; seconded by committee member Coffelt, passed unanimously.

Barna also discussed an event titled “The Legend of the Rapids” scheduled for October 12, 2024. This is an interactive scavenger hunt event through the Downtown using local businesses and attractions. Barna requested the help from the Eaton Rapids Arts Council to create a Graffiti Painting in the Pocket Park.

City Manager, Ridge led a discussion with the Eaton Rapids Arts Council on the needs and wants behind Murals in the City of Eaton Rapids. Discussion was had on a previous ordinance that was proposed but never adopted. As it currently sits, Murals fall under the sign ordinance, limiting size and location. Ridge and Director Cagle will continue further research in developing a Mural Ordinance.

Public Comments

None.

Correspondence

None.

Adjournment

Board Member Carmody moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 P.M.; seconded by board member Hansen, passed unanimously.