



**MINUTES
CULTURAL COMMISSION - REGULAR SESSION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023, 8:00 AM**

The Cultural Commission convened in regular session at 8:00 AM, October 12, 2023.
Chair Melissa Libert called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Dallas Long	Commissioner	Present
Faisal Rashid	Commissioner	Present
Melissa Libert	Commission Chair	Present
Cindy Termuende	Commissioner	Absent
Tracy Koch	Commissioner	Absent
Shweta Shukla	Commissioner	Absent
Jeffrey Pitzer	Commissioner	Absent
Angelique Racki	Commissioner	Absent

Staff Present: Anthony Nelson, Director of Arts and Entertainment; Kathy Sawyer, Development Manager of Arts and Entertainment; Shannon Ramirez, Support Staff of Arts and Entertainment

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.

Item 4.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2023, Regular Cultural Commission Meeting.

No quorum. September minutes could be reviewed at next meeting.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Introduction and updates from Kathy Sawyer, Development Manager of Arts and Entertainment.

Sawyer began her employment with the City of Bloomington on July 31, 2023. Sawyer's focus would be seeking out grants and additional support for the Bloomington Center for The Performing Arts and the Creativity Center. In addition, Sawyer stated she will also be working with the Friends of the Bloomington Center for The Performing Arts to re-launch the capital campaign for the Creativity Center.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Discussion on 2023-2024 Bloomington Center for Performing Arts upcoming shows and updates.

Anthony Nelson, director of Arts and Entertainment, shared the Bored Teachers show sold out, and Robert Cray was well attended. Between the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts, Grossinger Motors Arena and other entertainment venues on Friday, October 6, 2023, there were an estimated of 6,000 people downtown Bloomington.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Discussion on 2023-2024 Grossinger Motors Arena upcoming shows and updates.

Anthony Nelson, director of Arts and Entertainment, informed the commission the Nitro Circus show was well attended by families. Nelson added Mercy Me and Cody Jinks ticket sales have been high, and the concerts could be sold out.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.D. Update on the Downtown Bloomington's November 3rd and 4th Autumn Art Walk meeting held on September 20, 2023, at Inside Out Art Gallery.

Anthony Nelson, director of Arts and Entertainment reported the City of Bloomington would post the Art Walk advertising on both the outdoor digital screens at the Grossinger Motors Arena and Bloomington Center for Performing Arts. This collaboration would bring more awareness to the downtown event and ensure more foot traffic.

New Business

Anthony Nelson, director of Arts and Entertainment announced the Downtown Streetscape Project meeting held at the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts, had over 150 residents who attended the showcasing of ideas for the redesigning downtown Bloomington streets and the city square.

Adjournment

Commissioner Rashid made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Long, to adjourn the meeting.

Chair Libert directed the clerk to call roll:

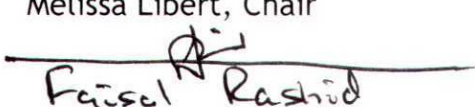
AYES: Libert; Rashid; Long

Motion carried.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 A.M.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Melissa Libert, Chair


Faisal Rashid



Anthony Nelson, Staff Liaison