

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Letts Community Center
October 6, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS: Kevin Bonds – Chair (2nd); Morgan Butts – V. Chair (4th); Charles Calati – Secretary (At-Large); Shirley Carter-Powell (At-Large); Diane Gardin (At-Large); Mary Toshach (At-Large); Alyssa Turcsak (4th); Stephanie Palagyi (4th); Clara Martinez (1st)

CALL TO ORDER: With the resignation of the Chair and the absence of the Vice Chair, Gardin as Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm

1. **ROLL CALL** - The Acting Chair called the roll. All were present except for Kevin Bonds who had resigned. Butts the Vice Chair arrived late.
2. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA** - The Acting Chair called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Butts moved that we add the election of a new chair to the Agenda. It was second and approved.
3. **AGENDA APPROVAL** – The Acting Chair called for the approval of the agenda. Butts moved to approve the revised agenda. The motion was seconded by Palagyi and approved unanimously.
4. **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
 - A. August 4, 2025 Minutes – Several Board members corrected the spelling of their last names. The corrected spellings were Palagyi, Turcsak and Martinez. A motion was made by Calati and seconded by Butts to approve the minutes as corrected. It passed unanimously
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Priority Setting and Annual Report – Members made several recommendations that included:
 1. Improve Marketing of activities and Arts grants with the City
 2. Boost Board membership
 3. Streamline Grant process
 4. Clarify decision making process from the Mayor, Commission, Departments and staff
 5. Follow up at upcoming meetings to prepare an Annual Report.
 - B. Election of Chair – It was moved by Toshach that Butts be confirmed as Chair and that the elections for Officers would be held in January. The motion was seconded by Carter-Powell and passed without dissent
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. By Laws/Rules of Procedure Review – Staff had not prepared a revised copy so adoption was tabled
 - B. Public Art Committee Status Report – Calati had no new information as he hadn't received info from the Parks Department to add to the database
7. **UPDATES**
 - A. Mayor's Office – Staff reported on the status of the new City Hall which will be on the corner of Grand and Kalamazoo. All the Departments will be housed there. The 1st floor will have all the offices that interact with residents on a regular basis.
 - B. The Neighborhood Resource Center will be relocated the Alfreda Smith Center
8. **INFORMATION**

A. Carter-Powell asked for information about \$25,000 for events in the Park

9. **STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS** - No citizens were present.

10. **ADJOURN** – Butts moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:30 pm. It was seconded by Martinez and passed without dissent.