



# City of Blue Lake

## Arts and Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes November 18, 2024

1. **Quorum Established:** Elizabeth Mackay, Julie Douglas, Alice Finen, Sherri Green, Randy Toroni

**Staff Present:** Mandy Mager

**Public Present:** Justin Goad, John Sawatzky

**Meeting Called to Order: 5:35PM**

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Public Comment: John Sawatzky requests moving item #8 after item #4

Motion: To approve the agenda moving item #8 after item #4

Motion by: Mackay

Seconded by: Green

Motion Summary: Consensus

**Public Comment:**

**John Sawatzky:** Asks how the Arts and Heritage Commission determines their agenda items; more art contests in the community would be fun.

**Public Comment Closed.**

3. **Approval of the October 14, 2024 meeting minutes**

Motion: to Approve the Minutes from October 14, 2024

Motion by: Mackay

Seconded by: Finen

No Public Comment

Motion Summary: Consensus

4. **Artificial Intelligence Discussion**

City Manager Mager presents on the item; reminds the commission that this item has been a topic of discussion for many months. As the City Manager she is looking for guidance on policy recommendations for the use of AI for City business and when it is acceptable and when it's not. As AI is having an impact on the artisan community, she will not allow staff to utilize AI generated imagery from unlicensed programs to create imagery for use in logos or other print media. The City is also looking at policy development as it relates to cyber security.

**Commissioner Toroni:** Introduces how AI is impacting artists and how AI creators and users are stealing work. This is impacting his own work and he's part of a lawsuit that is suing to stop the unauthorized use of proprietary images.

**Public Comment:**

**John Sawatzky:** Comments on how AI can be used in the workplace to enhance productivity; shows examples of images that he and his son have generated using AI software. States that AI allows everyone to be an artist.

The Commission recommends continuing the discussion to the next meeting. City Staff will continue to research the issue and present policy options at a future meeting date.

**5. Art-Based Traffic Calming**

City Manager Mager provides an update on the Greenwood Truck Route Project and the intention to paint the crosswalks blue and gold to match the school colors.

**No Public Comment**

- 6. Fire Hydrant Art Project:** City Manager Mager presents an update on the project; due to the continued weather issues it is recommended that the artists work at their own schedule and pace. The City will work with the artists to notify them of their locations and how to access paint materials. This will be an on-going project.

**No Public Comment**

- 7. City Hall Signage Project:** The City Manager presents the item; explains that the City is in need of new signage at City Hall and Visual Concepts has been asked to develop a signage proposal for presentation to the Arts and Heritage Commission for their meeting in December.

**No Public Comment**

- 8. Murals and Sculpture Report:** Nothing to report.

**No Public Comment**

**9. Future Agenda Items:**

- a. Land Acknowledgement Discussion
- b. Murals and Sculptures Report
- c. City Hall Signage and Branding Presentation
- d. Artificial Intelligence Discussion and Policy Recommendation

**10. Motion to Adjourn: 6:40pm**

Motion by: Mackay

Seconded by: Green

Motion Summary: Consensus