



**Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chamber  
April 6, 2023 – 7 pm**

**Commission Members Present:** Amy Cook, Jennifer Paoello, Kathy Sabaini, Dana Teichart,  
Chairperson Tim Vetang

**Commission Members Absent:** Kent Gallagher, Mike Ploszek

**Also in Attendance:** Cathleen Tymoszenko, City of Geneva  
President Doug Holzrichter, Geneva Foundation for the Arts

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Vetang called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.
2. **Amendments to Agenda:** There were no amendments to the Agenda.
3. **Approve Minutes – December 2, 2022**
  - + Sabaini moved, Cook seconded. The December minutes were unanimously approved.
  - + There were no meetings in January or February.
4. **Review Financial Reports – Tymoszenko**
  - + The fund equity balance as of March 31, 2023, is \$30,617.06. The March financial statements stood as presented.
5. **Geneva Arts Foundation – Holzrichter**
  - + Holzrichter presented an update on the Geneva Foundation for the Arts and the Geneva Center for the Arts. Unfortunately, The GCA has officially closed effective April, 2023 because operating the center with a volunteer board became unsustainable due to the amount of work required. Several art exhibitions have become part of the Geneva Library lobby gallery which will broaden the audience for exhibiting artists and bring more exposure to GFA.
  - + Moving forward, the required annual budget will be less, however, GFA also plans to re-establish an arts center fund to reopen a center in the future. Future revenue will be generated by annual fundraisers and appeals, arts sales, event/performance admissions, and grants.
  - + Next steps for GFA include strategic planning to set goals, recruiting board members, strengthening public message/branding, enlisting volunteers to work on programs and events, and encouraging collaboration with GCAC.

## 6. REPORTS

**a. Geneva Write Now – Cook**

✚ No report.

**b. Art on Fire – -Tymoszenko**

✚ This project will continue as more staff members are replaced.

**c. Steeple Walk – Gallagher**

✚ No report.

**d. Bus Stop Art –**

✚ No report.

**e. RiverPark Summer Concert Series – Teichart**

✚ Illinois Brass Band	July 2	6pm
Carl Acuff “Glen Campbell Show”	July 9	6pm
The MacCartyns	July 16	6 pm
Chez Butter	July 23	6 pm

✚ Teichart asked for other Commissioners to help on July 2, 9, and 16 as she will not be here. Cook, Paoello, Vetang, and Sabaini volunteered.

**f. Fine Art Fair Booth, 2023 - Vetang**

✚ No report.

**g. Shakespeare in the Park – Gaboda**

✚ Sabaini has asked GHS students to help with community service credit. Discussion was held.

**h. Ruark Sculpture Update – Vetang**

✚ No report

**i. Commissioner Comments & Ideas – Tymoszenko**

✚ Discussed was that since Geneva is a Non Home Rule municipality with certain limitations and because the Commission can't raise funds, connection to the Foundation would benefit both entities. Both entities could be strengthened if they were merged. In response to questions from Commissioners, Tymoszenko also explained “mission creep”, meaning to go far from your original stated mission.

## 7. Public Comments –

✚ There were none.

## 8. Adjourn –

✚ Motion to adjourn was made by Sabaini and seconded by Teichart.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dana Teichart, Secretary*

Next Meetings

May 4, 2023

June 1, 2023

July 7, 2023

August 3, 2023

September 7, 2023