



**Meeting Minutes
City Council Chamber
May 4, 2023 – 7 pm**

Commission Members Present: Amy Cook, Kent Gallagher, Jennifer Paoello, Mike Ploszek, Dana Teichart, Chairperson Tim Vetang

Commission Members Absent: Kathy Sabaini

Also in Attendance: Cathleen Tymoszenko, City of Geneva
Carolyn Hill, Former Commissioner

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Vetang called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. **Amendments to Agenda:** There were no amendments to the Agenda.
3. **Approve Minutes – April, 2022**
 - ✚ Gallagher moved, Ploszek seconded. The April minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **Review Financial Reports – Tymoszenko**
 - ✚ The fund equity balance as of April 30, 2023, is \$30,617.06. The April financial statements stood as presented.
5. **Discuss Future Memorandum of Understanding Between GCAC and GFA – Tymoszenko**
 - ✚ Kent Gallagher spoke on the biography of his GCAC involvement since 2008, the history of the Commission, and how the GFA began. He presented that merging the GCAC and GFA would hinder GCAC and that each organization should remain its own entity. GCAC could then continue with their current projects.
 - ✚ Mike Ploszek also spoke stating that he was not in favor of the merger. Ploszek stated that it didn't make sense to him to dissolve GCAC, a successful commission, in order to save GFA.
 - ✚ Tymoszenko responded that combining the two entities could help GCAC with projects, allow GCAC to sell alcohol at events, and have more volunteers to help with projects.
 - ✚ Amy Cook spoke against the proposed merger.
 - ✚ Carolyn Hill, former GCAC Commissioner stated that she thinks the merger isn't a viable solution and thinks a merger would be tearing apart a worthwhile entity with a proven and successful record of providing Geneva with the arts and culture that bring people to the city to enjoy, explore, and be entertained.
 - ✚ Vetang commented on the Home Rule Municipality saying that he disagrees with the City Attorney on the ruling of dissolving the GCAC.
 - ✚ Teichart suggested that GCAC dissolve immediately to "stop the bleeding".

6. REPORTS

- a. **Geneva Write Now – Cook**
 - ✚ No report.
- b. **Art on Fire – -Tymoszenko & Vetang**
 - ✚ No report.
- c. **Steeple Walk – Gallagher**
 - ✚ No Report.
- d. **Bus Stop Art –**
 - ✚ No report.
- e. **RiverPark Summer Concert Series – Teichart**
 - ✚ No report.
- f. **Fine Art Fair Booth, 2023 - Vetang**
 - ✚ GCAC will have a booth for July 29-30.
- g. **Shakespeare in the Park –**
 - ✚ No Report. Shakespeare in the Park will be August 5, 2023.
- h. **Ruark Sculpture Update – Vetang**
 - ✚ No report.
- i. **Commissioner Comments & Ideas –**
 - ✚ Teichart presented the idea of honoring former Commissioner Jan Schmuckal at a gathering and asked everyone to think about what would be appropriate.

7. Public Comments –

- ✚ Carolyn Hill, former Commissioner, was very concerned about the ordinance that would dissolve GCAC. Tymoszenko responded yes.

8. Adjourn –

- ✚ Motion to adjourn was made by Ploszek and seconded by Gallagher. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Teichart
Secretary

Next Meetings

June 1, 2023
July 7, 2023
August 3, 2023
September 7, 2023
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September 7, 2023