



**AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
ARTS COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
OCTOBER 26, 2022
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of August 31, 2022, Arts Committee Meeting Minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Venable Park Memorial Jury Nominations
3. Free Little Art Gallery
4. Artistic Bus Shelters

NEW BUSINESS

5. Strategic Plan FY23-25

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

ADJOURNMENT

Posted by: _____

Date/Time posted: _____

If you need special accommodations to attend a meeting, services may be arranged by contacting the Office of the City Administrator in advance.



**Arts Committee
Committee Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2022
6:00 PM
City Council Chamber**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Scott Saunders	Committee Member	
Lisa Hilton	Committee Member	(Absent)
Sara Friedman	Committee Vice Chair	
Elizabeth Bockius	Committee Member	(Absent)
Robert Morrissey	Committee Chair	
Linda Kusmer	Committee Member	
Nan Kulkarni	Committee Member	(Absent)
Melissa Bradford	Public Information Officer	
Sari Neudorf	Council Member	

3. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of July 27, 2022 Arts Committee Meeting Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sara Friedman, Committee Vice Chair
SECONDER:	Linda Kusmer, Committee Member
AYES:	Saunders, Friedman, Morrissey, Kusmer
ABSENT:	Hilton, Bockius, Kulkarni

4. Unfinished Business

A. Free Little Art Gallery

Staff liaison Melissa Bradford stated that Arts Committee member Lisa Hilton presented the Free Little Art Gallery proposal to the Parks and Historic Preservation Committee at their meeting on August 17, 2022. The Parks and Historic Preservation Committee was supportive of the project idea, and next steps will be to develop guidelines for the Free Little Art Gallery for an Eagle Scout volunteer to follow.

B. Artistic Bus Shelters

No discussion was held.

C. Venable Park Memorial

The Arts Committee discussed the commemorative memorial for Venable Park, following a meeting with the memorial consultant at the Arts Committee meeting in August.

Robert Morrissey stated he had concerns about how the project was taking shape. Morrissey stated the memorial should focus on the accomplishments of Dr. Venable, as opposed to themes of racism, saying Dr. Venable was an accomplished and respected ophthalmologist, professor, musician, and family man that everyone can look up to, and the memorial should reflect that.



**Arts Committee
Committee Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2022
6:00 PM
City Council Chamber**

Linda Kusmer stated she agreed with Robert Morrissey's statement, and suggested that elements of Dr. Venable's life and accomplishments could be tied in to the park improvements to tell his story, like a living monument.

Council member Sari Neudorf stated she had concerns that the story being told is not accurate. Neudorf also stated that the memorial should not portray Dr. Venable as a victim.

Sara Friedman stated she disagreed with members' comments, stating that the memorial should focus on addressing the racism Dr. Venable experienced and that a memorial in a park does not have to be uplifting.

Linda Kusmer stated there could be a balance of sharing the positives of Dr. Venable's accomplishments and educating on the history of the park.

Scott Saunders stated a park memorial could be thought-provoking and does not necessarily need to be uplifting. Saunders stated he would like to see something respectful of the Venable family.

Robert Morrissey stated he would like to attend future public meetings regarding the memorial and encouraged other Art Committee members to do the same. Morrissey stated he would like to attend meetings with all involved committees together so the different groups can hear each other's thoughts. Morrissey suggested the Arts Committee develop a mission statement for the memorial.

Staff liaison Melissa Bradford stated she would send out a list of upcoming public meetings regarding the memorial as well as a timeline for the memorial process once available.

5. New Business

A. Strategic Plan FY23-25 Review

This item was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

6. Comments from the Public

No discussion was held.

7. Business from Members

No discussion was held.

8. Business from Staff Liaison

Staff liaison Melissa Bradford stated the next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2022.

9. Adjourn