



# MASSILLON COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

November 2024 Meeting Minutes

11/11/2024 6:06pm-7:12pm In Attendance: Ben, Bruce, Faith, Israel, Miranda, Nat

## Meeting with Mayor Slutz:

- Israel and Bruce met with mayor Jamie Slutz and his team on 11/06/24. The main objective of the meeting was to introduce our ideas for The quARter and get the backing of city officials in establishing an arts district in our city.
- A pamphlet with details regarding placement and goals was provided (Images attached to this email for reference)
- Mayor Slutz showed interested and was excited to be apart of the process. However, the Chamber of Commerce has interest in utilizing the same alleyway. He mentioned the steel structure we've discussed in previous meetings... Mayor plans to schedule a 2nd meeting with MCAC and the Chamber to discuss how we can work together to create this space.
- We asked if the city could donate paint for future mural projects, and made it known that we will also apply for grants to assist with projects.
- Overall the meeting went really well and we're feeling optimistic!

## Open discussion/brainstorming about The quARter ~

- Our hope is to encourage walking around our town by creating a designated space to share not only art, but our history as a Wheat Town, Steel City, to Football Town..
- Talk to downtown businesses to inform them of our goals. Ask for feedback and whether they would be on board with an Arts District. A mailer will be drafted up and mailed to businesses that we are unable to reach during business hours. (Insurance Co, Real Estate, etc.) Mail out after Thanksgiving. Ben to donate envelopes and stamps for this project.
- A way to promote artwork from the high school students within the alleyway..possibly a designated framed space.
- Can we get a grant for an artist to create a barricade sculpture..?
- When applying for grants, we should obtain a letter of approval from the mayor. Something stating he is on board..
- Contact Judge Elum to inquire about creating a green space where Bonnie's Engravers building will be razed.

## Other Notes:

- MCAC will be walking in the Massillon Holiday Parade on Saturday 11/23 @ 5pm. ALL ARE WELCOME! If you'd like to join us, please reach out for details! Famous artist/art costumes welcome 😊
- MCAC sponsoring a snowflake light for Santa's Village decor. A 3 year sponsorship will be invoiced to us by the Downtown Massillon Association.

## Next Meeting:

**12/09/2024 6:00-7:00 at The Nook (12356 Millersburg Rd. S.W Massillon 44647)**