

## **Notes from the Portage Cultural Arts Committee Meeting September 24, 2025, 6 p.m.**

Not having a quorum, we focused on future responsibilities and maintenance of the committee

Attendees: Kathleen Hoyle, Venn Sandoval(?), Mary Reed

**The meeting began at 6 p.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m.**

**The number of member vacancies remains at 7.** Per the discussion, we can call on Dennis Martin and Satch Huizenga, who remain in contact and express support for the committee.

**We discussed the mailing/post card and material development** revisions. We clarified the purpose of the updates in question. We agreed that a double sided card, with updates reflecting the offerings of the committee could also be used as a mailer. With the clarification, approval was granted for the dual purpose card.

**There are 2D, exterior and multiple case spaces available in the Parks and Recreation office (320 Library Lane) able to be used for Artist Exhibitions.** Previously Mary created and received approval for exhibits to rotate approximately every 9 weeks. She will prepare a simple application to vet interested artists. The application will contain: a list of all art pieces with images and valuation for insurance purposes, bio of the artist to post, signed hold harmless waiver and related instruction. Unexpected renovations of the building, an upcoming Holiday Market and seasonal events dictate that the anticipated first Artist Exhibition will be December 22, 2025-February 20, 2026.

Mary will submit the applications to Kathleen Hoyle, the appropriate staff and will work as needed with Peggy Napier, a curator familiar to the Parks & Recreation Department, to coordinate the installation, placement, and removal of the pieces.

**Tabled until further notice:** Themed artist workshops, Doodling Gathering, Pechua Kucha Events, Holiday Card Entries. Attendees will continue to report updates on theatre, outreach and public art as we regroup this clearing house of information for Portage area artisans, enthusiasts and those engaged in its development.

**Clearing house information:** There is no shortage of activity surrounding arts in the Portage area. One group of Seniors meets every Tuesday from 9 a.m. -Noon working on projects at Zhang, The Portage, Texas Township and others host farmers markets with artisans from around the State, Portage City Hall hosts several exhibits and collaborate with a variety of Arts entities, The Parks and Recreation mailers offer far reaching and inclusive activities that benefit the community with a special "NEW" invitation on page 12 about the Portage Cultural Arts Committee.

Next meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Reed- outreach committee

