



# ARTS COMMISSION

Quality Services for a Quality Community

## MEMBERS

Sarah G. Triplett, Chair  
Meegan Holland, Vice Chair  
Julie Biering  
Matt Borghi-Weil  
Jessica Gregg  
Tedda Hughes  
Karen Jennings  
Radhika Sen  
VACANT

## AGENDA

**January 17, 2019**

**5:30 PM**

East Lansing Hannah Community Center, Rm 211  
819 Abbot Road

**Note change in meeting location**

**City Council Liaison**  
Councilmember Aaron Stephens

**Staff Liaison**  
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- 1) Opening**
  - A) Roll Call
  - B) Introduction of New Commission Member Radhika Sen
  - C) Approval of Agenda for January 17, 2019
  - D) Approval of Minutes for December 20, 2018
- 2) Election of Officers**
  - A) Election of Chairperson
  - B) Election of Vice-Chairperson
- 3) Communication from the Audience**
- 4) Written Communications**
- 5) Reports**
  - A) Chairperson
  - B) Council Liaison
  - C) East Lansing Arts Festival Liaison
  - D) Staff Report
- 6) Committee Reports**
  - A) Cultural Arts Planning
- 7) Business Items**
  - A) Arts Commission Representative on East Lansing Hannah Community Center Committee
  - B) Other
- 8) Discussion Items**
  - A) Facilitated Cultural Planning Discussion, Jerry Jennings
  - B) Other
- 9) Adjourn**



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## MINUTES

**December 20, 2018**

**5:30 PM**

Executive Meeting Room

East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road

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**Present:** Chairperson Sarah G. Triplett, Vice Chairperson Meegan Holland, Commissioners Matt Borghi-Weil, Jessica Gregg, Tedda Hughes, Karen Jennings, Erin Sedmak and Lisa Biering

**Others:** Councilmember Aaron Stephens, Staff members Wendy Wilmers Longpre and Heather Surface, and Facilitator Jerry Jennings

**Absent:** None

### 1) **Opening**

#### A) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm

#### B) Approval of Agenda for December 20, 2018

Moved by Commissioner Jennings, seconded by Vice-Chair Holland to approve the December 20, 2018 agenda as presented.

YAYS: All

NAYS: None

#### C) Approval of Minutes for November 15, 2018

Moved by Commissioner Gregg, seconded by Commissioner Hughes to approve the November 15, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.

YAYS: All

NAYS: None

### 2) **Communication from the Audience**

None

### 3) **Written Communications**

Staff reviewed the communications presented in the packet and called the Commissioners attention to an additional communication related to the City of East Lansing Emerging Leaders Program. Commissioners thanked Commissioner Sedmak for her service as this is her last meeting and Commissioner Gregg comment that the Emerging Leaders Program is a worthwhile program to participate in to learn more about East Lansing.

**4) Reports**

A) Chairperson

Chairperson Triplett introduced and welcomed new Commissioner Lisa Biering to the Commission.

B) Council Liaison

No report.

C) East Lansing Arts Festival Liaison

No report.

D) Staff Report

Staff Longpre reviewed the staff report that was in the meeting packet.

**5) Committee Reports**

A) Cultural Arts Planning

No report.

**6) Business Items**

A) Ordinance 1339 Applications

There were no applications to be considered.

B) Other

**7) Discussion Items**

A) Facilitated Cultural Planning Discussion, Jerry Jennings

Chair Triplett introduced Jerry Jennings who will be facilitating the cultural planning discussion. Mr. Jennings led the Commissioners through a discussion aimed at identifying a cultural vision for the Arts Commission.

B) Other

No other items were discussed.

**8) Adjourn**

Moved by Vice Chair Holland, seconded by Commissioner Jennings to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.

YAYS: All

NAYS: None



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## Written Communications

January 17, 2019 Meeting

- A) From: City of East Lansing  
RE: Press Release: City of East Lansing Seeks Nominations for 2019 Crystal Awards



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# News Release

## City of East Lansing Seeks Nominations for 2019 Crystal Awards

18-009  
Jan. 14, 2019

EAST LANSING, Mich. — The City of East Lansing is currently seeking community nominations for the 2019 Crystal Awards.

Community members are encouraged to help honor East Lansing's unsung heroes by submitting nominations for deserving candidates. The deadline to submit a nomination is February 16, 2019.

An online nomination form is available at [www.cityofeastlansing.com/crystalawards](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/crystalawards) and paper nomination forms are available at East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road; the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road; and the East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road. To request that a paper nomination form be mailed to you, please contact Karla Forrest-Hewitt at (517) 319-6823 or [khewitt@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:khewitt@cityofeastlansing.com).

### **About the Crystal Awards**

The Crystal Awards, hosted annually by the East Lansing City Council, honor individuals, businesses, professionals, nonprofits and/or community groups that have made an outstanding contribution to community life in East Lansing. Recipients are dedicated to enhancing the East Lansing community. They demonstrate a passion for and commitment to creating a healthy and vibrant community and serve as an inspiration to others.

All nominations will be reviewed by a community selection committee and four recipients will be chosen. The selected recipients will be honored at the 2019 Crystal Awards community reception on Thursday, April 18 at 5 p.m. at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road.

Visit [www.cityofeastlansing.com/crystalawards](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/crystalawards) to submit an online nomination, review eligibility criteria and view past recipients.

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# **PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Arts Commission

**FROM:** Wendy Wilmers Longpre, Assistant Director

**DATE:** January 15, 2019

**SUBJECT:** January 17, 2019 Staff Report

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Staff has the following items to report:

1. The FY 2020 Budget preparation is underway and will be a Business item on the February 21, agenda.
2. Attached is an updated Arts Commission roster. Please let me know if there are any errors or corrections.
3. The Art Commission Meeting Attendance Chart is attached for Commissioner information.

Attachments (3)

# CITY OF EAST LANSING

## East Lansing Arts Commission Roster

Update January 14, 2019

### COMMISSIONERS

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Vacant Position

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**East Lansing Arts Commission Meeting Attendance**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>1/18/2018</b>	<b>2/15/2018</b>	<b>3/15/2018</b>	<b>4/26/2018</b>	<b>7/19/2018</b>	<b>8/16/2018</b>	<b>9/20/2018</b>	<b>10/18/2018</b>	<b>11/15/2018</b>	<b>12/20/2018</b>
Matt Borghi-Weil	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Erin Sedmak	A	P	A	A	A	P	A	P	A	P
Lisa Biering	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	P
Jessica Gregg	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
VACANT										
Meegan Holland	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Karen Jennings	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sarah G. Triplett	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Tedda Hughes	n/a	n/a	n/a	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

**ARTICLE 5: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS Division One Sec. 2-243. Removal of members.**

Unless otherwise provided by this Code or by law, members of boards and commissions established by this article shall serve at the will of the council. Nonattendance at three regularly scheduled consecutive board or commission meetings or 90 days, whichever is longer, is hereby determined to constitute neglect of duty and shall automatically create a vacancy without further action. Except in a circumstance of an automatic vacancy under this provision, any commission or board member removed by city council during their term may request a hearing before city council and receive an explanation of the reason for their removal. A member may request the city council to grant a leave of absence, not to exceed 120 days from a board or commission. Such leave may be granted upon the request of the commission and upon a majority vote of the city council prior to the commencement of the leave of absence.