



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Ann Arbor Public Art Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Tuesday, December 10, 2019

4:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St,
Basement, conference room

[19-2327](#) Ann Arbor Public Art Commission - December 2019 Planning Meeting
Minutes

ROLL CALL

Present: 10 - John Kotarski, David Esau, Allison Buck, Colleen Crawley,
Venita Harrison, Debra Mexicotte, Mary Thiefels, Jonah
Copi, Ali Ramlawi, and Sophie Grillet

Absent: 1 - Peggy Wier-Leonard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved with changes

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 2019

Approved

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ICE BREAKER

Commissioners shared their favorite piece of public art.

Shared history, artists backgrounds, significance of several pieces some with a dual purpose.

Favorites include; Radius, Traffic Calming Boxes, Untitled, and Horizon

**Riverscape - Kingsley and First Street Rain Garden connects to the river to decrease flooding at Kingsley and First Street protecting the river.*

**Dreiseitl - Municipal Center Bronze Water Sculpture tells a narrative about rainwater. Storm water from rooftop moves through the sculpture and cascades down and moves along the path into the underground cistern recycling storm water throughout the plaza.*

**Twilight Shadows - Mural Mosaic designed by Gerome Kamrowski. Kamrowski, was a renowned surrealist movement artist and professor at the University of Michigan School of Art. Piece was originally part of the exterior of the old City Hall building and moved inside during the 2005 renovation of the Municipal Center.*

**Arbor Sapentiae (The Tree of Knowledge) - Sculpture by Ronald Bauer. Piece seems to interact as you walk and becomes part of the neighborhood.*

**Arch - Sculpture of Cor-Ten steel is 18 feet in height. Installed from Public Art in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County, by Martha R. Keller & Michael J. Curtis, 1995.) It was installed with the plaza, named in honor of the artwork: Sculpture Plaza Park. This is a fun piece and provides a place for families to engage and interact with the public. Represents a strong anchor for the City.*

DISCUSSION ON POLICY CHANGE FOR FUNDING

Ann Arbor PUblic Art Commission submitted a policy agenda item to the Council Policy Agenda Committee on December 13, 2019. Council Policy Agenda Committee will review recommendations before the committee presents the comprehensive policy agenda to City Council by the end of March 2020 for their review and approval.

Approved with changes

REVIEW OF PUBLIC ART BYLAWS

No changes to current AAPAC Bylaws at this time.

Approved as presented

SET GOALS AND WORKING GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

Desire for AAPAC to work collaboratively with other local art organizations throughout the city to encourage networking and enhancement of a more inclusive art network throughout the City. Begin this by, inviting Marie Klopf, President and CEO of the A2 Art Center to meet with AAPAC to review upcoming mural project to gauge their interest and willingness to work with AAPAC.

Re-assignment of working group participants and leadership -

City Hall Gallery - Explores ways to improve Council Chamber exhibitions - Includes special projects (John and Sophie)

CIP work group - Review and provide insight on CIP recommendations for public art (David, Jonah, Colleen)

Communications and Public Outreach work group - Inventory, promote and develop a cohesive labeling systems for city public art collection (Allison, Deb and Mary)

Development work group - Design Review Board Liaison (John, David and Jonah)

Donations and Art Placement work group - Monitor donations and placement of donated public art (Allison and Deb)

Nominating and Membership work group - Review, evaluate and recommend current AAPAC leadership (John and David)

Recruitment and Leadership work group - Recruit new commissioners (Allison, Deb and John)

Youth Outreach work group - Engage youth in public art (Peggy, Jonah and Mary)

AAPAC OPENING

Recruitment work group will review current AAPAC applications on file with Mayors' office and present selection to commission for final support and approval

ADJOURN*6:30pm*

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