

City of Ann Arbor

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Formal Minutes

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

7:00 PM

**Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council
Chambers**

Ann Arbor Public Art Commission

20-0387 Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes - March 2020

Attachments: AAPAC CIP Enhancements 2017-2026 Updated Summary Feb 2020.pdf, Developer Work Group Report - March 2020.pdf, 2019-1004 First Liberty Street.pdf, Allen Creek Public Art Locations.pdf

ROLL CALL

Approved as presented

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

Absent: 1 - Allison Buck

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

PRESENTATION

No presentations

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved

REPORT FROM CHAIR

City Gallery Installation - Marc McCay is an artist and educator based in Toledo, OH. He received his Master of Fine Arts in Printmaking from Indiana University, Bloomington, Henry Radford Hope School of Fine Arts.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

David Esau presented an overview of the CIP Enhancement process. Conversation regarding recommendations, evaluation criteria and

selection process were discussed. AAPAC typically contracts and collaborates with outside organizations for selection of the artist to install

public art within the City. Conversation re possible in-house, contracted and/or other alternatives to select public art.

Presented

REPORT FROM STAFF

Olivia Pearce, Public Art Assistant -

Olivia's 9-month temporary position as the Public Art Assistant with the City has ended. Olivia's efforts to finalize the art inventory and coordinate with IT to develop the art tour were enormous accomplishments for the Public Art Commission. Her contributions and support made it possible to further collaborate, develop, research and explore new opportunities for the commission. It is desired that Olivia return to continue in her role as the Public Art Assistant.

DDA Public Art Projects - The DDA Board working to develop a policy to clarify how best to support Public Art funding requests and processes for public art. Amber Miller, AICP Capital Project Manager for the DDA will this policy once it's finalized.

**The Huron, First and Ashley projects are committed and will proceed as planned*

**Huron Street project, has approximately \$30,000 for public art *The First and Ashley project, has \$11,000 - \$18,000 for public art depending on 1% of streetscape or portion of streetscape and bikeway combined*

**Ann- Ashley Parking Structure expansion has been removed from consideration*

City Public Art Projects - The Allen Creek improvement project will use federal, state and grant money for this project and cannot be used to produce public art. Opportunity to use approximately \$25,000 for public art via storm water related funds. Two areas have been identified as possible locations. Staff will "hold" the area for installation as identified by the chosen artist. A recommendation to submit a call for art to meet a late May or early June install will be necessary. Develop this as an internal process with existing staff and AAPAC commissioners.

Motion - The Ann Arbor Public Commission recommends that the City move forward with the Allen Creek Improvement project and that Public Art commissioners and City staff avail themselves fully to the expertise of all with a desire to work closely and keep communication open to develop a call for art for the Allen Creek Improvement project.

Motion was approved.

Jonah Copi has volunteered to participate. Others interested, please contact Allison or Deb.

Presented

REPORT FROM WORK GROUPS

Business Owners and Developers Work Group - Recommendation to revive the Golden Paintbrush award.

Motion - Moved that the Public Art Commission revive the Golden Paintbrush award with Commissioners Grillet and Leonard as co-chairs of this subcommittee of the Special Projects work group.

Approved.

Commissioner Crawley request that an update to the Developer Work Group report to include the University of Michigan Hospital, University of Michigan Gifts of Art and Motawi Tilework as past recipients of the Golden Paintbrush award; Commissioner Kotarski will update final report for the record.

CIP Work Group - Review of the CIP Enhancement Recommendations for FY 2021-FY2026. Minor updates for sharing as final document will be forwarded to City Council for approval.

Leadership Work Group - Moving forward with the recommendation from last year to create a friends group; an advocacy group and a key communicators group to assist the commission with outreach within the community. Assist with reflection on the public perceptions of public art, etc. and reporting back to the commission. Please share a list of those who may be interested. This will require an hour or less of time per month, along with a single networking event to bring this important community group together. Members will also become part of a focus group to solicit information around questions that may arise. An update at the next AAPAC meeting with a recommendation to identify and invite community members who are interested. June will be the target date to bring this group together. Commissioner Thiefels shares that this is also an initiative that the Arts Alliance is working on at this time, bringing together business partners and community members to create a common thread throughout the community.

Nominating and Membership Work Group - Committee has received additional applications for review. Thanks to all who have shared recommendations.

Youth Outreach Work Group - Encourage your participation in the the

November 2020 Election "I Voted" contest. Great way to get involved in public art and raise voting awareness. Deadline to participate is March

31st. For more information, please visit
<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/city-clerk/Elections/Pages/Sticker-Des-ign-Contest.aspx>

Neutral Zone and Treetownmurals seeking ways to continue to engage youth population up to age 24 in public art. Ann Arbor Railroad has been supportive of the initiative to keep the rotating murals around the railroad underpasses for continued every changing vibrant community. Another round of murals has been set. Currently a total of (10) canvases throughout the city with (4) planned for restoration. Collaborative effort between the Ann Arbor Railroad, Neutral Zone and Treetownmurals; for more information, please contact Commissioner Thiefels @(treetownmurals@gmail.com)

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Seeking applications for the May 17th Westside Art Hop. Please visit, <https://www.westsidearthop.com/>

March is Youth Art Month! With a budget this year of over \$8k this has created a wonderful opportunity to place art within the downtown area. Thank you to this years contributing organizations. For more information, please visit <https://mainstreetannarbor.org/youthartmonth>

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

No presentations

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8:10pm

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