



City of Ann Arbor
Meeting Minutes - Draft
Ann Arbor Public Art Commission

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Wednesday, March 3, 2021

7:30 PM

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ROLL CALL

Approved

Present: 10 - John Kotarski, David Esau, Allison Buck, Venita Harrison,
Debra Mexicotte, Travis Radina, Peggy Wier-Leonard,
Sophie Grillet, Sarah Fuller, and Craig Hupy

Absent: 2 - Jonah Copi and Wasentha Young

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved with changes

OLD BUSINESS

Review, Discuss and Approve Pickle Street Mural Proposal -

Discussion on how to prepare anti-graffiti wall for proper mural installation so that murals remain ecstasically pleasing within the community.

Desire to move forward, send to City Attorney to draft agreement addressing insurances, safety precautions, permits etc. Commission seeks additional details re public process, actual art design, opportunity to review final proposal, review details of exact location and understand process for community engagement efforts.

This is an excellent model for future efforts.

Approved to move forward to City Attorney for review and development of final agreement.

Approved as presented

NEW BUSINESS***Fund Raising Word Group -***

Input from commissioners on use of interest received from Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Endowment currently held by the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation Endowment. Foundation encourages use of the funds on an annual basis and a decision is needed from the commission on whether to roll over, use as needed or use on an annually basis. No need to remove the funds, if no decision has been made in its use. No need to transfer money into the City fund account, where funds will remain unencumbered and no intended use. Fund currently holds \$5000 of interest ready for use and accumulates approximately \$1700 on interest each year. Possibility of funding park initiatives, community or neighborhood projects, marketing of projects, and/or art selection processes, etc. Commission wish to set a small targeted amount of \$500 for marketing each year. This item will remain within the AAPAC Communications work group for review and next steps moving forward.

Charged to write one grant opportunity for the new year. Check local groups that the City could become a member for full scope of upcoming grants, etc. with an extensive pool for one time grants. America for the Arts - Cultural Source - a more extensive pool for a one-time grant. City may be open to a one-time member fee of \$500 per year. Commissioners encouraged to share their ideas with staff for a more detailed research.

Approved as presented

REPORT FROM STAFF

Staff received proposal from First Martin and it is more focused on Engineering work rather than for Art.

Allen Creek Berm Wall Project; City not committed - as the project is currently upside down.

Initiative for BLM and LGBTQ opportunities within the community. Survivors Speak reached out to Councilmember Radina and Mayor Taylor to present the beginnings of a proposal; Councilmember Radina will reach out to the group for more details for a final sharing with the commission in May. Special Projects work group to consider more ideas to bring back to the Commission.

Presented

REPORT FROM WORK GROUPS

Business Work Group – No items to report

CIP Work Group – Continued discussion with Jennifer Hall re Ann Arbor Housing Commission (AAHC) CIP opportunities. AAHC very supportive and likely the art can be incorporated within the structure and not a separate art piece, i.e. railing details and/or brick work. Mention of possible work at Catherine/Fourth Ave parking garage and more art within the African American communities throughout the City to honor historic presence within the community.

Communication and Art Placement Work Group– Plan to meet soon

Fundraising Work Group – Item in New Business

Leadership Forum - Create a forum around public art and key communication group to distribute and network. Interest groups are K-12 teachers who want to be notified and are interested in public art. Deb will reach out to members individual for their proposed list of 3-5 people. This will be a pipeline for others to become part of this key communicators work group. A meeting to be set in late summer or fall; AAPAC could host and create a community connection. Please share name and contact information of those you feel may be interested with Allison and Deb.

Nomination Work Group – Election for new leadership; survey shared with all of the commissioners with feedback on leadership and insight on what interest the commission moving forward.

Appreciation and kudos to Deb Mexicotte for her attention to detail, collaborative efforts in helping move the Public Art Commission in a more forward thinking direction.

Allison Buck for Chair - John nominated and Sara seconded – unanimous

Sarah Fuller for Vice Chair – John nominated and Allison seconded - unanimous

Approved as presented

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

No presentations

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8:50p

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