

Municipal Center Task Force

Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2010

Present: Ray Detter, Margaret Parker, Laura Rubin, Elaine Sims, Magie Teall and Spring Termain

The Task Force met for a walk-through of the Police and Courts Building two interior art placement sites. The first was the Atrium area for the Kamrowski installation. The space is sufficient to mount all nine panels between the two niches – allowing for approximately 3 feet clearance on either side. The balcony will provide added visibility as will the large amount of glass windows and doors. The drywall site is very close to where the murals were initially installed which should please the family. It just feels “right.” It is a high traffic area with great visibility and protection from the elements. We believe the murals will be even more visible than in their previous location.

Kamrowski Murals:

Margie moved to recommend installing the 9 panel Kamrowski mural in the Atrium of the Police and Courts Building on west wall and any structural support be added as necessary for the installation. Ray seconded. There was a question of how the installation costs would be covered that we need to get answered by the city. The motion passed unanimously.

The task force recommends the Kamrowski murals be installed in the Atrium.

Court Bldg Lobby:

The 8'6" x 20' of ceiling space in the SW corner of the lobby is visible from Huron St, Anne St, and the balcony. There is electrical in the ceiling and it can bear a lot of weight. The Rest of the ceiling is acoustic tile and would be prohibitively expensive to modify at this time to add art.

Some members felt the piece should relate to the blue glass wall which is the other main feature in the space. The funding for this piece does not have to relate to water since it comes out of the building fund. It could relate to justice, but doesn't have to relate to the Driesiel, although some on the task force would like to see some connection – others were open. The piece will have to be suspended from the ceiling and lit for visibility.

Questions:

Is the Task force the jury or will there be a separate jury?

Where will the Administrative and project management fees come from?

Installation and lighting costs would have to be included.

What should the total budget be?

The task force recommends we do an RFQ to Michigan Artists and select up to 4-6 finalists who will be invited to submit a proposal with a stipend to cover the cost (\$500 - \$1000 each).