



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

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Wednesday, February 3, 2021

7:30 PM

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ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Jonah Copi

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Adopted as Amended on Second Reading

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Julian Hansen and Erin Wakeland, founders of the Pickle Street Mural Co-op (<https://www.picklestreetmuralcoop.org>) attend this evening to propose a public art project in Ann Arbor.

Desire to help build Community that will make Ann Arbor more colorful. Puts into question "what does it mean to paint in an ordinary space?" ie grocery store and what it means to see the grocery store with the beauty of something people would normally not give attention to or see; like a beautiful landscape, or something that is more traditional.

Proposed Design Areas:

- Design Area One - Broadway Bridge Walkway. While not a very a high profile area in terms of its visibility, it can simultaneously be a big three way for a lot of walkers, bikers and runners. a
- Design Area Two - Argo Pond Trail Tunnel. Imagine a panel with different color like a rainbow tunnel of color.
- Design Area Three - Broadway and Division Underpass. Envision another more simplistic column for design and color.

Project will work with city staff and residents to set up a booth to crowd source and work as a community effort. Current funding exists with support from family, friends and Burns Park neighbors. Inclusion of the public is a key component of the selection process. Next steps include preparing a project proposal for the commission to review. Staff will share proposal guideline as a template; include timeline, funding, budget, materials, ROW access, insurance, etc.

Color gets people excited and conveys a welcoming feeling into a space that may appear forgotten.

Glen Wiczorek, Civil Engineer for Water Treatment Plant - Glen presented a possible WTP art project for stairwell within water treatment administrative building. As a secured facility building is currently undergoing sizable renovations which will continue over the next few years.

Vision for this project will continue to tell a story of the history of water. A stairwell mural from ground floor up to the second floor will further share the historical photographs of the construction of water to give a full story. The history of the WTP is impressive and well documented back to the early 30s and much of this still exists today. In earlier years, it was a private water company during the 18th to the 19th century.

Additional staff conversations re funding, timelines, etc. still need to take place. Planning and timeline will be established and may not be tied to the current architectural renovations.

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21-0359 Ann Arbor Public Art Commission - February 2021 Presentations

Attachments: Pickle Street Mural Co-op.pdf, AAWTP_stairwell_art.pdf

21-0216 Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes - December 2020
Retreat

Attachments: AAPAC Meeting Minutes - Dec 2020.pdf

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21-0217 Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes - January 2021

Attachments: AAPAC Meeting Minutes - Jan 2021.pdf

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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT FROM STAFF

Allen Creek Berm - Construction on tunnel is complete and restoration work (landscaping, etc.) will begin in the Spring. Project is over budget and there are no funds available for the mural installation that was schedule to happen in the Spring. Perhaps an opportunity for the Pickle Street Mural Co-op.

First Martin Corporation is interested in adding art at the intersection of the tunnel walkway and Depot Street. Plan to attend next meeting to share proposal with the commission.

Revisit the idea of engaging opinions and for designated funding.
Establish a method to receive donations to the Public Art Commission.
Receive more funding, ways to contribute, etc. further discussion re donations to the endowment need to take place while reworking the foundation endowment. Fundraising Work Group will explore this item.

City Flag Project staff conversation with Mayor Taylor. Staff to share items with Mayor Taylor for further consideration and inclusion in final resolution.

AAPAC Project Folder links shared with all. Please review and let Venita know if additional support is needed.

Presented

REPORT FROM WORK GROUPS

Business Owners + Developers Work Group - No report

Capital Improvement Project Working Group - New recommendations relating to housing projects. Dave reaching out to Jennifer Hall for further discussions. Upcoming art for Fire Station building rebuild (Huron Parkway) which might also include installation of art at nearby adjacent park.

Communications + Art Placement Work Group -

Fundraising Work Group - No report

Leadership Forum Work Group - No report

Membership Work Group - Pandemic has made it difficult for most organizations to maintain normal routines and practices. Suggestion for a continuance of current leadership to be reviewed at March meeting to allow John and Jonah to share a survey with the commissioners for review and nominations of new leadership of Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Policy & Governance Work Group - Dedicated line item submitted to City Council for their consideration.

Special Projects Work Group - Golden Paint Brush Award moving forward and ready to share with the public by the end of the week.

Youth Outreach Work Group - Meeting planned for later this week. Conversation with Trevor Stone hired at the Neutral Zone as Resident Artist. Interested in encouraging young people to become more involved in mural painting, so perhaps a great way to connect to Pickle Street Mural Company.

Announcements - *Sarah Fuller* shares an item for Business Development Group; KLA new company near Woodbridge Avenue near UM Botanical Gardens reached out to Motawi Tile for a make a tile workshop, Possible opportunity to collaborate on tile artwork across UM campus.

Sophie Grilett shares that former Ann Arbor Women Artists is now Huron River Art Collective. Working to setup new website and Sophie proud to

be on the board. Visit.

<https://www.annarborwomenartists.org/our-members>

Deb Mexicotte - UM Presidents Artist Initiative is a 4 year project that has been delayed by pandemic has posted for the position of Managing Director position. Please share with those you know may be interested.

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