



City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Agenda Ann Arbor Public Art Commission

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

4:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:08

ROLL CALL

Present: John Kotarski, Marsha Chamberlin, Connie Rizzolo-Brown, Bob Miller, Jim Simpson, Craig Hupy, Brian Steglitz, Glen Wiczorek, Brian Rubel, Ann Arbor Area Student

Absent: Devon Akmon, Nick Zagar

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved and amended to include; Manchester Water Tank and the Jewett project updates.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No public comments

OLD BUSINESS

Ann Arbor Bridge Update (Craig Hupy) - Design has been completed. Lighting and pricing to be determined. Contract estimates still short \$30K. Cannot contract for what is not funded. Desire to go to Council at March 1st meeting for new money, \$30K more on the initial \$300K contract part of the contingency.

Motion - To support additional money needed for Ann Arbor Bridges expenses; within reasonable contract contingency. Approved.

Jewett Project Update (Marsha Chamberlin) - Continue to work toward our goal and are approx \$6600 short of goal. We continue to receive gifts for the project. Currently have money for the construction, installation and artist contract.

Water Tower Update (Brian Steglitz, Interim WTP Manager) - Received council authorization to hire Tetra Tech and can now move forward with art design on plan specifications, lighting, and public engagement piece. Brian Steglitz provided a project memo outlining next steps. This will be a contest open to all at a cost of \$30K - 50K. Similar project on the north campus tower 10 years ago at a cost of \$25K.

Commr Rizzolo-Brown: Control costs by controlling paint costs. No fee for the artist and will be community based effort. Is there a possibility that this can be a vinyl application?

Glen Wiczorek (WTP Engineer Consultant): Detroit Zoo tower is currently a decal. This could be an option, but paint will last longer, say 15 years.

Commr Kotarski: This is a great approach. Community coming together to review, select the submissions. Give awards, badges, and honorarium. Suggest that we have a tiered jury to include professionals. Process really an effort to reach out and include the public. After initial jury, open it up to the public. Open city hall in an effort to get it out there. Appreciate the timeline, it provides the Art Commission with a clear view of the process. This would be a great way to get the schools involved.

Commr Chamberlin: Great schedule. Getting it out early will be key. The last time this was done there were 1200 entries and 25% were very creative. This will be a great billboard for City of Ann Arbor, let's not limit it to "water".

Brian Steglitz: (City of Ann Arbor, Interim WTP Manager): Criteria outlines contest parameters. Can indeed be theme based; kids, water resource, huron river, river walk, parks and rivers, art on the river. We will continue to move forward as the schedule outlines. Will return in February with additional details on approach to finalize the details

Canoe Imagine Art Update - Commr Kotarski served as a member of the jury and was impressed with their process. Kudos to the Arts Alliance on a professional process. Received 20 outstanding submissions. Committee selected 3 proposals (1, 2, and 3) and proposals 4, 5, and/or 6 will be judged and chosen by the public. Final location placement to be chosen by parks. Did not select all volunteers for the committee and believe the committee was put together well; a diverse, engaged and committed group. Balanced process, which was quick and efficient. this will be a unique art opportunity.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6pm