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ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - John Kotarski, Allison Buck, Venita Harrison, Peggy Wier-Leonard, Sophie Grillet, Sarah Fuller, Marianetta Porter, Jamall Bufford, and Cynthia Harrison

Absent: 1 - Linh Song

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Staff Presentation

Approved with changes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Olivia Glynn, Community High School. Interested in art and eager to participate for a school government project.

Presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 2022 Meeting Minutes

Approved

OLD BUSINESS

No items to present

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Thiefels of TreeTown Mural Murals presents a mural project that will bridge two sites Ann Arbor Railroad sites which move through the city of Ann Arbor and creates a gateway to the city at 6 different locations; creating transitional areas that bridge and welcome people to the city.

TreeTown Murals to install murals at Huron St near Delonis Center and N Main at M14; Peter Allen & Assoc commissioned the restoration the murals with funding and interest in the current works. Work on wing walls and concrete and metal overpass. Fund raising and reached half of the goal of \$250k from Larry and Lucy Nissen, Peter Allen & Assoc and Destination Ann Arbor along with Constellate Consulting in New York. Opportunity for blighted areas in the city to be more welcoming. Flagship opportunity to gain more momentum to connect the neighborhoods and give fresh look as all enter the city.

TreeTown Murals

<http://treetownmurals.com>

Presented

REPORT FROM STAFF

Welcome Ward 1 Council Member Cynthia Harrison. Council Member Harrison was born and raised in Ann Arbor; she is a wife, a mother and a community program manager at the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living; where she works to empower reentering citizens. Cynthia brings an art background as a singer and lettered in choir and selected the Art Commission due because of her passion for the arts.

Legal team working with staff on the ARPA funding to determine next steps as no bids were received. Staff reviewing the possibility of an outside agency administering the program.

Hillary Hanzel, Park Planner for the Parks Department and Peter Sanderson, Park Planner for Washtenaw County Parks collaborate and present two projects today. Both located near the border to border trail near S Barton/Bendemeer Pedestrian Tunnels with an art budget of \$45,000 and the Gallup Park Bridge art budget of \$35,000. An overview of the projects shared and art ideas and considerations were shared along with a review and understands next steps. With modest budgets staff would like to understand what will be appropriate for these locations. Aesthetic enhancements to the tunnel and bridge that meet the goals of the commission. Must relate well to the existing environment; leaving things open the creativity of the artist. Community inclusion (public meetings) and outreach will be important. Sculptures, seating, benches where public can be interactive with the art i.e. open invitation for potential artist to visit the site. AAPAC Commissioners available for advice as you move through the process.

Presented

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

Leadership Work Group (Kotarski, Buck) - Recommend transition to Allison Buck and Jamall Bufford - John will continue to work on recruiting more commissioners for an additional year. Advisory team needs growth and support, and more time to develop this role within the commission. Broad group of folks one time a year and you can list your name on tis group and that is all we need and then we need to create a way for these folks to be engaged – giving information on what we are doing and this way the get a feel for our what we think will be planned for the future. Mary and John will work on a plan this. Opportunity for the commission to get the community more involved with the commission New leadership has chigter within the community and we need to create and have new conversations.

Chair and vice chair nominations at year-end meeting.

Applications received and still need to be reviewed.

Possibility for more member

Thank you from Sarah for support and support over tis time. Jamall , John and Allison kufos to all of your for your support!

Works

Date for December retreat – email to all to schedule.

Special Projects and Golden Paintbrush award moving forward nominations open now and add ad placed in Jan issure of Observer – tweek the judgeing criteria and nominations are out to all. City webisite all set.

CIP – sarah and Allison –David Esau support was great. CIP list received and we planning oto meet to discuss these projects and enhanbemts.

Business Owners and - no items to report

Outreadh Grous – did meet and think of thingj that they should be doing and towch year to stay rganizat this year. Add items to our webside and calls for art and talk to community members and link to other art

vanue.collect ie UM. Changes to the art webpage and make it change more often. City calendar for art events and link to oithers might work.

Kerry town development calls for art for this items too (is CIP via Housing Commission)Kerry town and Detroit filling station and part of the design review board and John can help here. Could use commission as a resource private developers may or may not add art.

New project approved and assigned that we send out packet 0 call for art and invitation to attend a meeting.

Website interviews and more pictures and city face book and ask communications to ask them to do this. Social media and lets do this.

Communication (sarah Allison marientta)

Great ideas that we can do golden paint brush is out now.

*Fundraising (mary Allison and sarah) – community funds earning interest ann arbor community foundation and process for project to come tous for funding and talked about the ideasd, budget pricess and still working on the criteria and application. Grani out some money in 2023. Mini grant could generate some intereste throughout the community. We need to be more active on projects big and small
Final thoughts – brais storm for the future and we develop the annual plan to city council collaboration session. Casula time to put ideas on the open to public good synergy and really put some challenges to the commission collaboration.*

Celebrate art

Forum Artspace

Artisen markt this Friday 2-4

Timy expo at ann arbor library

Winter art tour.cim 70- 80 artist December 8 check the dates

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Presented

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