

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

7:00 PM

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Ann Arbor Public Art Commission

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ROLL CALL

Present: 11 - John Kotarski, David Esau, Allison Buck, Venita Harrison, Debra Mexicotte, Jonah Copi, Ali Ramlawi, Peggy Wier-Leonard, Sophie Grillet, Sarah Fuller, and Craig Hupy

Absent: 1 - Wasentha Young

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved

20-1177 Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes -June 2020

Attachments: AAPAC Meeting Minutes - June 2020.pdf

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

PRESENTATION

Mike Wolf presented latest project from Ann Arbor Art Center; a mural project throughout the City. The center is excited for the community to experience these murals and work with muralist who have been impacted by COVID.

Working with the artists to allow more conversations with them to determine artist talks, selling pieces of their works, it would be ideal to include the UM community as many are seeking ways to engage students in new activities across the city due to COVID; i.e., walking tours, community talks, education, virtual tours, etc.

Ann Arbor Art Center raised \$51K and additional fundraising continues on the back end. Prior mural installations include Grizzly Peak mural and Historic Pretzel Building by the Cup Cake Station and since then, they have continued conversations with property owners who are interested in having murals added to their locations.

*We share a link to ACAC Murals
<https://www.annarborartcenter.org/art-in-public/murals/>*

Presented**REPORT FROM CHAIR**

Welcome our newest Public Art commissioners! Sarah Fuller and Wasantha Young

Wasantha Young was unable to attend his evening due to prior engagement.

Sarah Fuller is overjoyed and very excited to be on the commission. Sarah's background includes a majority of her career in art sales in support of local artist in San Francisco. She returned to Michigan and currently works at Motawi Works. Sarah is interested in being a member of the CIP, Communications and Special Project work groups.

Presented**NEW BUSINESS**

No item to discuss

OLD BUSINESS

No items to discuss

REPORT FROM STAFF

Plaque installations moving forward for the Arbor Winds and the Leaven pieces.

Staff working with Ray Detter to move Historical Markers into the Public Art inventory.

Creation of a separate fund account for donations to the Public Art Commission. Donations to the city would go into the general fund and would be tracked with a separate note but would have all the risk associated with money held within general fund accounts.

AAPAC by-laws under review to reconsider language change as it relates to the unique elements of the Public Art Commission and its members. Councilmember Ramlawi will review this item with City Attorney for City Council consideration and suggested modifications language changes.

Allen Creek Berm project staff still moving forward. Location best for art placement after the wall has aged; spacing and type of art key as selected art may not protrude from the wall for safety reasons. concerns. Planned placement for next year at this time.

No updates to share re planned DDA projects. Craig will follow up with DDA.

Presented

REPORT FROM WORK GROUPS

Business Owners and Developers - Planned six story mixed-use building at S University and E University with residential student apartments with first two floors as retail shops. Project will create an alleyway (walkway/loading area) between E University and Church St where the developer has agreed to place mural within the project. Idea that placement of murals discourages graffiti. -

CIP - No items to share

Communication and Art Placement - No Items to share

Fundraising - Donation received within the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF). Discussion on how funds can be used within the current charter. Changes to the charter do not require City Council approval and are necessary to diversify its use. AAACF will review the charter with their board and move forward with suggested changes within the charter.

Leadership Forum - With new members a discussion re additional outreach is necessary

Nominating and Membership - Excited for new members to help expand what we are currently doing

Policy and Governance - Small budget request to City Council to be reviewed in December in the hopes of a final approval. Funds will allow use of budget for commission use for grant matching, etc.

Special Projects - Discussions continue on how best to bring back the Golden Paint Brush Award to raise awareness and best way to honor local artists. Determining which projects to nominate, set criteria, impact on community/public, collaborations, etc. Use current rubric to reshape details of the award, expand categories, public impact, etc. Addition of an online catalog to show examples to the public which may allow for more engagement, similar to online public art

Youth Outreach - No items to share

Items of Sharing -

**Historic Street Exhibits to be added to the public art collection which are*

public art that share past to present view of the historical events within the City of Ann Arbor. The Ann Arbor Historic Foundation is responsible and has raised the funding to monitor and continue to install these markers. Desire to expand upon the history of African American community within the city. Craig Hupy to have a discussion with Ray Detter on how best to showcase and maintain this collection. Add this item as part of our annual collaboration session.

** Gutman Gallery of Fourth Street exhibiting the summer artist exhibit. Numerous virtual art classes for watercolor painting, exhibits and numerous events and workshops.
Visit https://www.theguild.org/gutman_gallery/*

Presented

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