

Public Arts Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Village Hall, March 4, 2015

7pm

Attendees: David Sokol, Bill Greffin, Rick Piwowarczyk, Simona Merchen, Elaine Miller, Lauren Cooper, Ava Bjornson, Michelle Thomas

Absent: George Bailey, Liz Holt, Linda Carlisle

Staff & Guests: Loretta Daly, Staff Liaison, Colleen Berg – Sculpture Walk Manager

Public Comment: None

Minutes

Minutes from the February 4, 2015 meeting were presented and placed on file.

Motion: Bill Greffin

Second: Elaine Miller

VOTE: Unanimous

Chair's Report

D. Sokol introduced the newest member to the Public Art Advisory Commission – Michele Thomas and welcomed her to the Commission.

Sokol reported that he had a meeting with Trustee Liaison Brewer to discuss how to minimize overlapping responsibilities with the Oak Park Area Arts Council. He indicated that this would be an ongoing review process to insure maximum productivity from both groups. Additionally, Sokol reported that the names of the Mini Mural judges had been submitted to the OPAAC.

Sculpture Purchase and Repair

L. Daly reported that due to the severe Winter weather the sculptures in question were not able to be relocated. Daly stated that she hoped to have this complete before the end of March and was working with Pat McDonald to coordinate this.

Sculpture Walk 2015

Colleen Berg reported that she had revised the call to artist packets and was hoping to send these out within the next few days. She reviewed the schedule with the Commission who agreed that a submittal deadline of April 20 with judging on April 21 was appropriate. Installation will occur on May 26 & 27 and the exhibit will officially open on June 6.

Colleen indicated that she would be selecting sites for review by the Commission at the April meeting. The Commission agreed that the Chicago Ave location would not be appropriate for site specific pieces. D. Sokol asked for volunteers for the selection process - David Sokol, Rick Piwowarczyk, Simona Merchen, Elaine Miller, Lauren Cooper all volunteered, however all commissioners are welcome to participate.

L. Daly stated that she would contact the Visitors Bureau to determine what exactly needed to be done to receive financial support for the brochure from the State Tourism Office.

CTA Project

B. Griffen reported that two programs provided opportunities for the inclusion of Public Art at various CTA Stations. The Adopt a Station program allowed groups or communities to “adopt” a station to either maintain the station or to make improvements to it. Station rehab projects also provide an opportunity to facilitate the installation of public art as part of the rehab. B. Griffen stated that he would like to send a letter to the CTA on behalf of the Public Art Commission requesting information on their Capital Improvements schedule for any of our CTA Stations. L. Daly stated that any communication from the PAAC would need to be vetted by the Village Managers Office before it was submitted. L. Cooper agreed to work with B. Greffin on this project.

Day In Our Village

D. Sokol stated that he would communicate with OPAAC to see if the PAAC could once again share a booth at Day in our Village. Several suggestions for give aways at the booth were discussed including attaching a piece of candy to the Sculpture Walk Brochure and having the Pod Cast Maps available. A sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

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