

Public Arts Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Village Hall, February 4, 2015

7pm

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

Absent: George Bailey, Liz Holt,

Staff & Guests: Loretta Daly, Staff Liaison; Andy Stein, Clark Street Development; Jon Kubow, Lennar Multi-Family Development

Public Comment: None

Minutes

Minutes from the Dec. 3rd 2014 meeting were presented and placed on file.

Motion: Bill Greffin

Second: Linda Carlisle

VOTE: Unanimous

Clark Street/Lennar Development

Andy Stein and Jon Kubow re-introduced two public art concepts for the development site at Westgate and Lake Street based on the initial discussion with the PAAC in December:

Option A: Metal screening along the public parking facility at North Blvd that would be capable of holding art.
Option B: A lighting element running along the bridge connecting the North and South structures. The element could have an interactive element with a pedestrian panel to change the light color or pattern.

After a detailed discussion the Commission voted to approve the lighting concept as put forward but wanted to note the following concerns for the developer to take into consideration:

- Ongoing maintenance needs to be carefully structured as technological advances need to be anticipated and constant care will need to be applied.
- The lighting feature will have to be carefully constructed to take into consideration the pedestrian and residential nature of the area.

Motion: Bill Greffin

Second: Rick Piwowarczyk

VOTE: Aye – David Sokol, Bill Greffin, Linda Carlisle, Rick Piwowarczyk, Simona Merchen, Elaine Miller, Ava Bjornson

Abstain: Lauren Cooper

Chair's Report

D. Sokol reported that he and Loretta Daly had a conversation with the Executive Director of the OPAAC to detail the concerns with the Mini-Mural selection process that were discussed at the last PAAC meeting. D. Sokol indicated that the OPAAC E/D acknowledged the concerns she felt that the overall success of the program spoke for itself and was not inclined to restructure the overall process. D. Sokol asked that Commission members who were interested in serving on the selection committee keep the concerns in mind

during the 2015 process for additional review in the coming year. D. Sokol asked for volunteers for the 2015 Mini-Mural program, the following members volunteered and were appointed serve: Lauren Cooper, Elaine Miller, Linda Carlisle.

Sculpture Purchase and Repair

L. Daly reported that the purchase contract for “Natural Wonders” was executed and that she had a discussion with Patrick McDonald to talk about the relocation of Natural Wonders and the long term storage of Gate. Daly reported that Pat McDonald would be able to facilitate both these moves and that she had received permission to store “Gate” at the Public Works facilities. Daly indicated that weather permitting both of these moves could be done before the end of February.

Sculpture Walk 2015

D. Sokol reported that he had sent a communication out to the various business districts to see if they had an interest in hosting the 2015 Sculpture Walk. Several of the districts did not respond, however DTOP did not feel that they could host considering the number of construction projects in the area. Both the Hemingway District and The Chicago/Austin District replied that they would like to be considered. After a detailed discussion, the Commission agreed that the Chicago/Austin neighborhood had a number of areas that would be appropriate for sculptures and that after three years in the Downtown area it would be good to move it to another location. A motion was made to site the 2015 Sculpture Walk along Chicago Ave from Austin to Ridgeland.

Motion: Ava Bjornson

Second: Linda Carlisle

VOTE: Aye - David Sokol, Bill Greffin, Linda Carlisle, Rick Piwowarczyk, Simona Merchen, Lauren Cooper
Ava Bjornson

Abstain: Elaine Miller,

The Commission also agreed to increase the salary cap for the management services for the Walk to \$5,500 and requested that L. Daly contact Colleen Berg to determine if she was interested in managing the 2015 Walk

CTA Project

D. Sokol asked B. Greffin to continue to look into the potential for installing public art in one or more CTA Stations.

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