



Public Art Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Village Hall, Room 124

March 2, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Attending: Bill Greffin (Chair), Maureen Boyd, Linda Carlisle, Khara Coleman, Lauren Cooper, Liz Holt, Simona Merchen, Nancy Nield, Sabina Ott, Michelle Thomas

Absent: (none)

Staff & Guests: Loretta Daly (VOP staff liaison); Linda DeViller (VOP executive secretary)

Public Comment: (none)

Minutes: Minutes from the January 6, 2016 PAAC meeting were deferred.

Chair's Report:

1. The Village of Oak Park's Volunteer Commission Appreciation Reception occurs on Thursday, April 28, 7:00 p.m. at Cheney Mansion. PAAC members are encouraged to both attend and suggest a presentation to display the work of the PAAC for other event guests.
2. Potential member Matt Maldre is beginning the Village Commission application process and may attend the next PAAC monthly meeting.
3. L Daly is coordinating what she hopes is a prompt relocation of the Village's "Imaginations of a Tree" sculpture to a Park District site yet to be named.
4. L DeViller was introduced as the recommended coordinator for the 2016 Sculpture Walk.
5. The next PAAC monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2016. Commissioners should confirm their attendance as soon as possible.

DISCUSSION

Sculpture Walk 2016

L Daly expects Jan Arnold of the Park District of Oak Park to confirm their interest in hosting the 2016 Sculpture Walk soon. The Commission approved L DeViller as this year's Sculpture Walk manager, endorsed a Mills or Lindberg Park Sculpture Walk location, and approved a general timetable for this year's program, including a Labor Day end-date [Motion: L Holt; Second: S Ott; Vote: unanimous]. The Village Board may approve the location on March 21. should L Cooper and the group discussed expanding the call-for-entries invitation list. L Holt suggested tying in the late-April judging with the April 28 Cheney Mansion event. The group will also pursue kick-off and entertainment opportunities with Pleasant Home. S Merchen and L Cooper are Commission liaisons for the Sculpture Walk.

VOP Wayfinding Project

L Daly reported on the VOP Wayfinding Project, where a number of firms have shown interest in the 300-piece system that's been guiding visitors since 2003. The PAAC reaffirmed its interest in participating in the effort.

Terrain Biennial

S Ott shared details of the biannual Oak Park arts event she hosts in odd-numbered years, and the Commission will take advantage of her contacts as the Sculpture Walk seeks to expand its geographic reach.

Local-Artist Grants

S Ott discussed City of Chicago cash awards to resident city artists, asking if a similar program might be feasible in Oak Park. Responding to comments, S Ott will seek out comparable community programs and report on the legal and logistical considerations for Oak Park.

Permanent Art Plaques

M Thomas will coordinate with L Daly to tour VOP-owned artwork and recommend specific plaque locations at the April PAAC meeting.

OPRF Student Project/Art Benches

B Greffin will set up a meeting with M Boyd and Tracy Van Duinen of OPRFHS to begin planning a 2016-17 school art project, possibly involving a bench system at public art sites in Oak Park. Involvement with Fenwick High School will be explored.

Developer – Public Art Introduction/Collaboration

L Cooper and L Holt will develop the framework for a packet that help prospective real estate developers understand and work with the public-art factor in new Oak Park construction agreements, reporting progress at the April PAAC meeting.

Oak Park Arts Inventory

N Nield will investigate grant opportunities (e.g., Graham, MacArthur) to help resurrect the long-discussed inventory of all publicly accessible art in Oak Park, including that held by the VOP, Park District, schools, libraries, arts organizations, historical resources, the post office, businesses serving the public, churches, etc. The inventory could be valuable for visitors, residents, students, researchers, et.al.

CTA/Metra Station Upgrades

Discussion of renovations at Oak Park's CTA/Metra stations will be taken up at the April PAAC meeting.

Developer Updates

L Daly said unexpected land remediation at the Oak Park Station site should not affect the project long-term. Discussion of other Oak Park projects will be taken up at the April PAAC meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. [Motion: M Thomas]