



## Public Art Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes (Draft)  
Pleasant Home, 217 Home Avenue  
July 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

- Attending:** Bill Greffin (Chair), Laurie Beasley, Meghan Eagan, Liz Holt, Simona Merchen, Paul Neumann, Sabina Ott, Michelle Thomas
- Absent:** Maureen Boyd, Khara Coleman, Lauren Cooper
- Staff & Guests:** Loretta Daly (VOP staff liaison); Linda DeViller (VOP Sculpture Walk coordinator)
- Public Comment:** (none)
- Minutes:** Minutes from the June 1, 2016 PAAC meeting will be reviewed at the August meeting.

### **Chair's Report:**

1. B. Greffin thanked Pleasant Home on behalf of the Commission for hosting this month's PAAC meeting — adjacent to the 2016 Sculpture Walk at Mills Park.
2. M. Thomas reported on a successful meeting of the Commission Chairs at Village Hall on June 29, with the proposed new zoning ordinance at the top of the conversation. The next Commission Chairs meeting will be Wednesday evening, September 29, 2016, at 7:00 pm.
3. B Greffin spoke with Julie Carpenter about the Art League's Flicker inventory of art pieces, which hasn't been updated in a while, but looks like a nice template for displaying and promoting Oak Park public art: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/oakparkartleague/collections/72157640946861823/>. This can be discussed next month.
4. S Ott asked about the status of Percent-for-Art developer requirements in Oak Park, which have been stymied in recent years at the Village Board level. As B Greffin suggested the "percent-for-art" titling has been problematic, S Ott said she'd take the lead in suggesting a more effective approach.
5. L Daly said District House is due back at our August meeting to further discuss their public art ideas.
6. The next PAAC monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at Village Hall. Commissioners should confirm as soon as possible if they'll be unable to attend.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Sculpture Walk 2016 at Mills Park**

L DeViller distributed freshly printed 2016 Sculpture Walk brochures, as she pointed out the excellent video on the Sculpture Walk installation available at the Village website. A flattering Pioneer Press article about the Sculpture Walk was also noted, as was positive comment from the Park District and elsewhere. L Daly said June 22 kickoff reception at Pleasant Home had been successful.

### **Sculpture Walk 2017**

L Beasley and B Greffin will meet with Harrison Street's Laura Maychruk on July 13 to explore the Oak Park Arts District's continued interest in hosting the Sculpture Walk. The Commissioners considered two Sculpture Walk ideas for discussion at the next PAAC meeting: 1) sending out next year's Call for Entries as early as this October to give artists and production tasks a little more breathing room, and 2) approaching the Park District about partnering with them for 2018 and every-other-year Sculpture Walk participation. The Harrison Street response could help drive these proposals.

### **Permanent Art Plaques**

M Thomas handed over the project to L DeViller to complete detail work and install the Permanent Art Plaques. Complementary benches will be discussed once the plaques are up and running.

### **Zoning Ordinance Updates and the Developer's Public Art Packet**

B Greffin reported a conversation with Chris Dillion, whose firm is developing the new Zoning Ordinance. Chris will suggest some new developer language for the Commission to review at its August meeting. As Commissioners review L Cooper and L Holt's draft for a Developer's Packet distributed at the meeting, B Greffin will forward the zoning language as soon as it's available.

### **VOP Wayfinding Project**

L Daly reported that Sasaki Associates Inc. of Watertown, MA will be in town July 21-23, with an invitation for Public Art Advisory Commission members to meet with them at 8:00 am on Friday, July 22, at Village Hall for briefing and input. Commissioners should let Loretta know if they'd like to attend.

### **Developer Updates**

L Daly reported the Vantage Oak Park developer is showing renewed interest in proposing public art for the site, and the Commission urged them to have something for our August meeting. The Harlem & South Blvd developers should be returning to the Commission soon. Developers for The Residences at Maple Place should also be back to finalize their window-art proposal from last year. Oak Park Station is now out of the ground and rising.

### **"Open House Chicago" in Oak Park?**

B. Greffin recounted a phone conversation (with the Community Foundation) indicating the Chicago Architectural Foundation has expressed interest in adding a number of Oak Park sites to its popular mid-October event. Evanston was added last year, and L Daly will check to see if the Village is talking to the CAF (as it appears Visit Oak Park and Pleasant Home have already). The Commission expressed interest in extending at least some of the Sculpture Walk into October if this would help.

**2017 Budgeting**

L Daly described new budgeting approaches at Village Hall that may impact some of the Public Art Advisory Commission's work. She is composing a summary of these ideas and will distribute it to the Commission as soon as possible.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. [Motion: M Thomas]

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