



Public Art Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Village Hall, Room 215
September 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Attending: Bill Greffin (Chair), Laurie Beasley, Khara Coleman, Lauren Cooper, Meghan Eagan, Liz Holt, Michelle Thomas, Glenn Brewer (Village Board)

Absent: Maureen Boyd, Simona Merchen, Paul Neumann, Sabina Ott

Staff & Guests: Loretta Daly (VOP staff liaison)

Public Comment: (none)

Minutes: Minutes from the August PAAC meeting were reviewed and approved. [Motion: L Cooper; Second: L Holt; Vote: Unanimous]

Chair's Report:

1. B Greffin described a group tour of the Unity Temple worksite and the Restoration Foundation's willingness to host a similar hard-hat tour for Public Art Advisory Commission members, perhaps jointly with the Historic Preservation Commission. L Daly will talk with the historic preservation people at the Village and see if a tour could be set up before the end of the year.
2. M Thomas briefed members on Sasaki Associates' Wayfinding idea session with the Oak Park Design Commission on August 24. With input from this meeting, recommendations will be made to the Design Commission in late September, with specific design recommendations following toward a December proposal to the Village.
3. L Daly said District House was unable to present tonight and expects them to attend the October PAAC meeting to discuss their public art ideas. The South Blvd/Harlem Ave development may also visit in October.
4. The next PAAC monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 7:00 p.m., at Village Hall. Commissioners should confirm as soon as possible if they'll be unable to attend.

DISCUSSION

Sculpture Walk 2016 at Mills Park

Mills Park was described as “a little bare” while the 2016 Sculpture Walk pieces are steadily removed. L DeViller will have a summary of this successful event to share with the Commission in October.

Potential 2016 Sculpture Purchase

After review and discussion, the Commission recommended the Village purchase two pieces, totaling \$19,500: Carolyn Ottmers’ “A Remembrance” as a gift *in situ* to the Park District, and Christopher Newman’s “High Beam” to a location in Harrison Street’s Oak Park Arts District. B Greffin will confirm Park District interest in maintaining the Ottmers piece, while L Daly will shepherd the recommendation through the Village. [Motion: K Coleman; Second: L Beasley; Vote: Unanimous]

2017 Sculpture Walk

Harrison Street remains the presumptive choice for next year’s Sculpture Walk, under the aegis of the Oak Park Area Arts Council. The group endorsed the Harrison Art District’s approach to refreshing its street benches. L Beasley emphasized the importance of a running start on Sculpture Walk candidates after the first of the year.

Developer’s Guide

L Cooper and L Holt presented their recommended draft for the Developer’s Guide. Approved by the Commission, L Daly will review this final piece and move it forward, while seeing if the content — and photos of current and new Oak Park public art — can be made available online. [Motion: M Eagan; Second: L Beasley; Vote: Unanimous]

Oak Park Area Arts Council

G Brewer described the Village’s interest in folding the project work of the Public Art Advisory Commission into the Oak Park Area Arts Council next year, recommending the Commission continue with business as usual while as develop. He said opportunities for Commissioners to continue their Village service will be addressed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. [Motion: M Eagan]