

City of West Chicago

Cultural Arts Commission

Thursday, November 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 7:09pm. Commission members in attendance: Buddy Plumlee, Lew Achenbach, Rosalinda Delgado, Mandy Rakow, Heide Morris and Sara Phalen, and City liaison Rosemary Mackey.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2013: no quorum at the October 3 meeting so no minutes to approve.
3. Future Transition Issues for Gallery 200 as a Division of People Made Visible: website-Rosemary reported on the need to figure out the logistics of transferring the website, Sara and Rosemary will meet with Pete; outstanding keys-all keys will need to be turned into Rosemary or Sara by mid-December, Rosemary will check with the city about changing the locks to have a fresh start with a do not duplicate key set, PMV will also look at proposing a new key system to the City that includes a lock box; door between the basement and the upstairs-can this be shut or locked? Rosemary will check, Rosemary also reported on a question that from last meeting that on branding for Gallery/PMV merger that there is no need to do city representation on materials.
4. Banner Project Update: Sara is working with getting artist into afterschool program, Lew is going to reach out to John Keeney about design work on them, question was raised about whether or if we need to do a workshop as has been done in the past, everyone is to send Rosemary contact info for art organization for when she distributes the press release, need to talk to Anni about juror or if someone else needs to secure one;
5. Local Music Night: Brian Daniel Billie and Gary Long are performers for November 15th, Mid-City is also doing a Wednesday night music event, COD has monthly open mics, should look into reaching out to these groups for new performers.
6. Gallery 200 Update: Mike Smith's show is up, working on wonderful wearable for December, Marge Hall is going to do rubber bands during Frosty Fest, down to 28 artists.
7. Other Business:
 - o Scholarship –silent auction during October raised over a \$100 and for scholarship
 - o Michael Guttman passed on a grant opportunity for Our Town grant –webinar was on November 4, 2013, commission is setting a goal for January 2015 deadline
 - o Lew announced that he is doing a collaboration with city of Aurora, May 23-August in Aurora museum “Jazz Occurrence” 3 venue multiple venue music event to promote city of Aurora and Lew's art –opportunity to do something with organizations-maybe feature another artist (high schooler) –how do we want to be involved ?
8. Adjourned at 7:59pm.