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Cultural Arts Commission

Thursday, September 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 7:12pm. Commission members in attendance: Buddy Plumlee, Anni Holm, Lew Achenbach, Rosalinda Delgado, Heide Morris and Sara Phalen, and City liaison Rosemary Mackey. Guest: Irene Pérez also in attendance.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2013: Buddy moved to approve the minutes, Anni seconded, all in favor, minutes approved.
3. Recommendation on the Lease Agreement Between the City and People Made Visible, Inc., including the New Operating Structure of Gallery: questions raised about the budget projections-will revise to reflect that items are proposed and not to the exclusion of any funds that may be reserved for future improvement projects (minor change), Lew moves "to approve the package in substantially the same form" Heide second, passed unanimously of those present. Next steps: this will go on Monday September 30 to Public Affairs Committee, then goes to City Council first Monday of October if approved at Public Affairs.
4. Discuss FY 2014 Budget for Cultural Arts Commission Projects: Banners-pay for banners \$2,000 and reception (money raised in sale of banners will be put back into City's general fund-goal of selling half raise \$1250) , Fine Arts Fiesta (relaunch with Blooming)-reception \$250 + any other costs (money raised from entry fee if one is required will go back into City's general fund), Artist in Residency & artXposium-\$1,000; discussion was also talked about taking on a new project-proposed possibilities included working with Park District cooperative (hanging system), art in the airport/metra station-goal of taking on a new project or have a mural done somewhere in the city, support a piece of public art to be placed in the project at \$2,500 , total of items discussed is a proposed \$6,000.
5. Update on Meeting with West Chicago Park District to Provide Public Art at New Recreation Center: Buddy, Anni and Rosemary met with Gary Major and looked at spaces to do art within the new building, plan is for Anni and Buddy and Rosemary to meet with Gary again to follow-up on what the Park District would like to do with any space, Anni sent Gary information on hanging system as a possibility.
6. Gallery 200 Update: Artobert Fest in October –silent auction of stuff to raise money for scholarship because there was no fiesta this yet, the Friends of the Museum will be asked to sponsor a raffle license if this proceeds.

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7. Banner Project Update: call for art is out, Sara is talking to school district 33 about working with after school project, banners are down and are at the gallery, Heide is willing to contact the artists (Sara will pull contacts for Heide) about buying their banners, commission members counted the entries for banner favorite award, Gateway Banner-1; 1Life in the Balance-13; 2Geocentered-15; 3Born to Ride-14; 4Energy-19; 5Passing Through-1; 6I'm Ok Mom-14; 7Symmetrical Balance-17; 8Jester-8; 9DocumentMe-2; 10Fruit and Veg-8; 11Tree-7; Lew is winne with 19 votes; Virginia S. gets a gift certificate as the winner from those who voted.
8. Local Music Night: next event is next Friday, September 20th.
9. Gallery Theater Update: new play premieres October 11.
10. Other Business:
 - a. Need contact list sheet and needs to be updated, Rosemary will update and send out
 - b. Irene Pérez- Spanish visiting artist, has been here for the past 3 weeks interviewing community members about their idea of home, based on her own experience with home, interviews and textiles based on interviews with video displayed at Museum until the end of September
11. Announcements & Correspondence: no other
12. Adjourned at 7:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Phalen