

City of West Chicago
Cultural Arts Commission
Thursday, July 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order 7:10p.m. Commission members in attendance: Buddy Plumlee, John Keeney, Angelo Trapani, Heide Morris, Anni Holm, Sara Phalen, Mandy Rakow. City liaison Rosemary Mackey also in attendance as well as guest Gina Steinbrecher.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2013: Heide moved to approve, Anni seconded, all in favor, minutes approved.
3. 2014 Banner Art Project Proposal to District 33 Representatives Kristina Davis & Gina Steinbrecher: Kristina is out of town and was unable to attend, but Gina was in attendance; banner project was presented to Gina, who felt the best place to incorporate District 33 would be in the middle school since they might understand the conceptual nature of the “(bi)cycle of life,” teachers could collect the entries and the commission would get those into proper format for the students; discussion was had about giving the schools a banner to display so that they can understand what it is we would like along with original artwork; there is an art teacher for each of the 6 elementary schools and 2 art teachers at the middle school/there is also an afterschool art program that may also be an option for working with this program; Kristina may have an idea about the specific curriculum and be able to determine if it fits or not; Gina recommended that we would need to present this to the teachers as soon as school starts to make sure it fits into their curriculum and schedule, but that it may also work to present to the afterschool program as easier to work into the schedule; teachers really liked the Gallery 200 show and want to continue that again this year; the question would be getting the theme worked in; the commission needs to come up with a written item for the schools that includes the size we are looking for, media that is desired to give to Gina and Kristina to present to the teachers to see what the teachers think and what might work best with an outline of deadlines-Sara can present to the teachers with the banner and original artwork-Sara will work with Gina on getting this set up to be presented at the beginning of the year (Gina also has old bikes that may be able to be displayed for the Museum exhibit that goes with the spring exhibit)
4. Discussion Proposal for Future Operations of Gallery 200: Heide finished the inventory and the gallery group is going to go over that along with the revised proposal and the wish list to finalize at the July 18th meeting at 6pm, group meeting set for the next week

July 23rd at 6pm to finalize as much as possible, hope that those edits can be made as needed and forward on to Rosemary asap for staff feedback.

5. Gallery 200 Current Update: Kathy Steere has her show up, variety of work, article on the front page of the Warrentville Chronicle which was very nice; Heide has also been working to rearrange something at the gallery for a new look; might have another member soon-woman new to WC who stopped in; Sara and Heide will move the banners into Museum storage on Friday, July 12 (Buddy would still like to purchase his); Angelo and Buddy did a quick survey of the outside of the building and observed some cracking on the front and back façade because some masonry wall is sitting on the adjoining building; newsletter went out with the correction that the September artist is Marge Hall
6. Banner Project Update: For the time there is nothing further to discuss other than what was talked about with District 33; however John may not be around this year to facilitate this project, so this will have to be discussed soon to determine who will spearhead the project.
7. Local Music Night Update: the June regular event and additional/special morning event for children went very well, will look to do another one soon; next event is Friday, July 19th.
8. Gallery Theater Update: no report from Janet.
9. Other business-
 - a. Gary Major from the Park District emailed Buddy and would like to meet and discuss the proposal for art display space in the new rec center-Buddy will get in touch with him to meet; commission may want to take up working with this space as a one time a year project; Rosemary, Buddy and Anni will work out a time to meet with Gary.

- b. Sara asked the Gallery to determine if they would like to do anything special for Mexican Independence Day-perhaps some demonstrations during the Gallery's normal open hours?
 - c. Scholarship: the Gallery has collected \$6 more to go towards the scholarship; the Commission also received a very nice letter from the recipient –which Rosemary read to the group
10. Announcements: John Keeney announced that he will be out of town for at least the next 6 weeks at the end of July and possibly for another 6 months following, may miss 2-4 meetings coming up, he will consider how to proceed on the commission and work the details out with Rosemary.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03p.m.