

City of West Chicago
Cultural Arts Commission
Thursday, June 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order 7:08p.m. Commission members in attendance: Sara Phalen, Buddy Plumlee, Rosalinda Delgado, Lew Achenbach, Angelo Trapani, Heide Morris, Anni Holm. City liaison Rosemary Mackey also in attendance.
2. Welcome New Commission Members: Rosalinda Delgado and Angelo Trapani. Rosalinda and Angelo introduced themselves to the group.
3. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: May 1, 2013; May 2, 2013; May 9, 2013: Anni made a motion to approve May 1, 2013 minutes with edits, Buddy seconded and all approved. Anni made a motion to approve May 2, 2013 minutes with edits, Buddy seconded and all approved. Lew made a motion to approve May 9, 2013 minutes with changes, Heide seconded and all approved. Anni made a motion to approve May 29, 2013 minutes with changes, Buddy seconded and all approved.
4. Gallery 200/Cultural Arts Commission Scholarship Recipient Daniel Stompor: discussion around the name change, history of the scholarship-it was originally started by a group of artists that approached the CAC to be the gifting body with the name Louis Ransom who was a well known artist at the time, but then changed to the Gallery 200/CAC scholarship; the discussion was that the CAC being the gifting body was a nice way to add notoriety to the scholarship; Heide will check the names of other scholarships; using a historical tie is a nice way to give some historical background about Louis Ransom; we will investigate this and revisit at next meeting.
5. Gallery 200 Update: Heide reported that the June show will open tomorrow night (the 7th) with the theme Summer, reception is from 6-9pm and the show will be up for the month of June; the Gallery has 4 new members- a glass artist who also does wood turning and a woman who used to run the jewel shop in Wheaton (glass lamp beads, she wants to also teach some classes which is a focus of expanding of the gallery), another two artists do digital/computer work and a painter, and one wood worker who also does acrylic.

6. Progress Report on Discussion of the Options for Future operations of Gallery 200: next meeting is June 26th at 6:00p.m. at the Gallery, other members that were not present at the June 5th meeting were given copies of the document that was discussed, goal is set to have merger document for approval at August CAC meeting.

7. Banner Project Update: Reception was at Blooming Fest with quite a few artists in attendance and it was a nice time for them to talk to the public and be featured. A discussion was had about who would take on the project for the next year: John was not present but he had expressed interest in doing it again. Call for art needs to get a wider distribution, need new entries and more variety (half of the banners are from WC people); need to work with schools again and push to get them to participate-would be nice to find a tie to curriculum; discussion about the need to find a further incentive-city hall display/reception with the mayor. New suggestions gathered by the community: bi(cycle of life)/bikes, dachshund dog, choo choo trains, connections, seasons, children at play, artistic license, magic, food, attention to detail (macro) “upclose”, color, Tastee Freeze, what do you love about West Chicago. After some discussion about how “(bi)cycle of life” could be used as an overall theme for Blooming Fest, Museum will also have exhibit around the topic including 1899 bike race photograph, Heide made motion for “(bi)cycle of life” to use for next year’s theme, Anni seconded, Heide is willing to work on getting the word out and doing the reception and laying out the map, Buddy will do communicating with the applicants, work on inviting District 33 to a meeting soon to start planning.

8. Local Music Night Update: update was given that a Local Music Morning for kids and families is planned for June 15 with PMV on the lawn of the Rockwell Building, normal event planned for June 21.

9. Gallery Theater Update: play is this weekend “Over the River and Through the Woods” is playing again because of the good attendance of the last run.

10. Other business-
 - a. AIB judges will be in town on July 8 and 9.

- b. Lew has met with Dave Libby, Wednesdays night his group is meeting at MidCity Grill to discuss their projects, may be something to focus on in the future.
- c. City Hall exhibit, will change to the Museum pieces in August
- d. Lew in talks with Rena Church of Aurora Public Arts Commission to curate something in 2014 and continue to grow our contacts

11. Announcements: No announcements.

12. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52p.m.