

Approved Minutes

City of West Chicago

Cultural Arts Commission

Thursday, February 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 7:14pm. Commission members in attendance: Buddy Plumlee, Mandy Rakow, Anni Holm, Heide Morris and Sara Phalen, and City liaison Rosemary Mackey.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2013: Anni made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Buddy, Motion passed. Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2013: Heide made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Anni, Motion passed.
3. Chris Knowlton and Presentation of Cowboys and Vikings Project: Sara is going to meet with Chris and Erika on Tuesday, February 18 on the possibilities of working with the group; she is going to provide history information and a tour of possible historic sites for inclusion in a possible project; group talked about Reed Keepler Park and Sesqui Park as being possible outdoor locations.
4. Banner Project Update: Anni has secured a juror, Jim K, from Water Street Studios in Batavia, he is also an avid biker; it was voted on to extend the deadline until March 1 and to resend out the publicity out with the inclusion of the juror's information; Sara will notify those who have already submitted that the deadline has been extended and that they will be notified sometime in late March; there was a discussion about whether or not a gateway banner was needed as it is an additional cost of two banners that have not been purchased and cannot be reused, group agreed to get rid of banner and add theme name to each banner and perhaps replace the Illinois Arts Friendly verbiage, but will bring a banner to look at at next meeting and mock ups of possibility.
5. City Hall Art: Sara will reach out to Glen Hansen, local photographer, to put his work up April – June.
6. Fine Arts Fiesta: discussion was had about bringing the Fine Arts Fiesta back at Blooming Fest with a new name; possible locations discussed as well logistics, gallery studio? set up Thursday night and have the venue open Friday night to do a combo with Local Music Night, with perhaps no Sunday open times, just a pick up; items that need to be decided: whether or not to keep the \$5 entry fee, rename as "Emerge" or Blooming Art/Creative or Budding Art or Emerging Art or Art Sprouts; need to send a letter to those who have participated in the past to let them know it's not changing just evolving to a new event that is similar but fit to the garden and arts festival setting of Blooming Fest

A quorum was lost after two members needed to leave the meeting; the meeting was adjourned at 8:40p.m. with no further action.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Phalen