

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved May 1, 2014

**City of West Chicago
Cultural Arts Commission
Thursday, April 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:16pm. Commission members in attendance: Buddy Plumlee, Anni Holm, Heide Morris, Mandy Rakow and Sara Phalen, and City liaison Rosemary Mackey.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2014: Anni made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Heide, Motion passed.
3. Artéculture: the group looked over the logo Heide drafted up, Anni and Sara will format it and put it into a format for Rosemary to put into the form for the artist.
4. Banner Project Update: the group went over the chosen banners and selected three others to include based on invitations as has been done in the past; Lew will be working on the designs, Heide is contacting Joe Weibler to see if he can coordinate with Sara to get pieces photographed. Sara is going to invite the banner artists to be part of the Museum show and ask for a statement about the pieces. Sara will give Heide the chosen images so she can walk Main Street and do a layout for where the banners should go. Rosemary will invite the Mayor and the aldermen to the banner reception at the museum.
5. 2014 Public Art Project: Anni presented an artist Thomas Dambo that does community projects with reclaimed/recycled wood, as this fits in with what the Park District is doing lately with the wood reutilization. The commission discussed the possible projects and how the project is envisioned, how it should be done and what the set process should be for this going forward. As we only have until the end of the year, it was thought something easier might be more attainable, perhaps a mural in downtown. A call for a theme will be sent out and an artist can be selected based on the call which will be given to city council to approve. The following steps will be taken: 1-identify a location for a mural or public art item, 2-talk to building owner if not owned by the city, 3-determine a theme, 4-identify an artist, 5-put together proposal for public affairs committee, 6- go forward or start over. Possible idea of putting donated plates from community members together into a mosaic.
6. Cowboys & Vikings: nothing to report.
7. Other Business:
 - a. Possibility of helping the food pantry get a mural done on their building-Buddy?
 - b. Scholarship deadline was April 15, selection needs to be made by May 15-will decide at next meeting.
 - c. Will look to replace commission's logo in the near future.
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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