

West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission
Friday, July 22, 2016
West Chicago City Hall-Committee Room B
6:00 p.m.

APPROVED ON 8/25/16

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum: Meeting called to order at 6:08pm, in attendance: Chair Anni Holm, Ryan Virnich, Buddy Plumlee, Uwe Gsedl, Sara Phalen and Heide Morris. City staff liaison Rosemary Mackey also in attendance.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2016: no action taken
3. Determine 2016 Public Art Project: Commission members were updated as to the status of the project proposed by Matthew Hoffman that can no longer move forward due to structural engineering issues that require work above and beyond the allocated \$2,500 budget. Discussion was had about a mosaic project that was brought up at the previous meeting. Mosaic to be done on the concrete pedestal that is to hold the wheel from the museum's collection. The wheel was originally taken off of the pedestal when it was moved from Heritage Commons because the weld broke-city streets department is currently looking for another welder who can weld the piece back on.
 - a. It was agreed that the commission needs different procedures for working with artists and receiving formal proposals to ensure all parties approve of every aspect of a project; it was also discussed that if the commission has a thought out plan and a piece fits in the long-term plan an ask could be for a larger sum of money; need to set policy for specifications and what is required from artists for projects
 - b. Current mosaic proposal would look for community involvement-provide donations of items to be included; Buddy presented some Mexican heritage inspired images as possibilities for a design; Rosemary and Rob Flatter looked at other locations that mosaics could go in the future -under Wilson Street Bridge although this area is owned by the UP Railroad and there would be a need for strict safety requirements while work was done there; another possible area is the Metra Station-city owns the station; Rob also suggested the two circles on either side of the Metra Station
 - c. Also an issue of maintenance of public art, need to be mindful of this and set aside money for this purpose
 - d. Question of if we did a mosaic in the sidewalk if Public Works would take out the piece of sidewalk
 - e. Best time of year for mosaics is September
 - f. Sara made a motion to approve a mosaic project to be done on all four sides of the concrete pedestal that is located in Sesquicentennial park with pieces donated by the community and pieces purchased from the budget, project to be led by Buddy
 - i. Rosemary and Buddy will work on publicity and call for pieces from the public-nothing bigger than 4 x 8 inches, materials would be around \$1,200 Buddy estimated
 - ii. Heide seconded the motion, 5 votes in favor, 1 vote against
4. Other Business: none
5. Public Participation: none
6. Adjournment at 7:13pm. Respectfully submitted, Sara Phalen