

**West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission**  
**Thursday, June 15, 2016**  
**West Chicago City Hall-Committee Room B**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes approved at meeting of July 7, 2016**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum: Meeting called to order at 7:06pm, in attendance: Ryan Virnich, Buddy Plumlee, Mandy Rakow, Uwe Gsedl, Sara Phalen and Anni Holm. City staff liaison Rosemary Mackey also in attendance.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2016: Anni motion to approve with correction of “doodle poll” Mandy seconded, all in favor.
3. Discussion of Public Art Master Plan: discussion was had around the commission deciding how to move forward with the creation of a plan. We have started an “art collection” public art and artist-in-residencies’ projects that all have a community component; maybe work towards a mission, a vision and something a little longer that encapsulates what we are trying to do; some commissioners would like to create a sense of place through art as linked to the strategic plan and creating an identity for West Chicago through history and culture-use art work to reflect our uniqueness from other communities; also look at California Arts Council model for Mission, Vision and Values that our works express; question raised as to who is the “curator” -do we include something in the plan about who picks and defines “art”; think about inviting others to the table; issue of allowing in community members opinions; various ways of engaging community-could ask them where they would like to see “art”; use a survey tool to engage community-throw out a question each month/quarterly?; objective that for any public project/building/publically funded event that ensures art has to be part of it-something similar to City of Chicago’s ordinance that has to have public art in new buildings; need to put together an asset map/inventory of what is in the community-putting out a survey to organizations and the public; online presence-website/facebook/twitter; Rosemary is working to further develop the city website art area; In order to construct an inventory create an online form that includes “title” artist date and where is it located, what it is, optional photograph; 1<sup>st</sup> step a call for information-possibility to use jotform for information-pieces of art that currently exist (checkbox for people who want to share what they have on private property but don’t want to make it public); 2<sup>nd</sup> step is to gather a roster of local artists who live or work in community-more on personal level of outreach “West Chicago Artist Registry” -people could self-register: this list could have multiple purposes including that we could send out call for art opportunities to this list-could be a list that was created in constant contact-name, artist name, contact information, medium, website; why we want an artist registry-identify artistic value, provide artists an option to be more involved-directly communicate with this specific group, resource for information flow for opportunities in the community, networking opportunities, (artists can select what type of information they would like to receive)
  - Mission
  - Vision
  - Values
4. Other business: Matthew Hoffman’s piece is in process
5. Public Participation: none

6. Adjournment at 8:27pm, Next meeting regular schedule July 7<sup>th</sup> (Anni will be gone), Buddy will miss August meeting.

Submitted by Sara Phalen