

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved w/corrections at meeting of August 24, 2017

West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission

Thursday, May 4, 2017

West Chicago City Hall- Committee Room B, 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum: Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM. IN attendance: Anni Holm, Adriana Sarellana, Uwe Gsedl, *Lew Achenbach*, *Buddy Plumlee*, and Rosie Delgado. City Staff Liaison Rosemary Mackey also in attendance.

2. Approval of meeting minutes of April 6, 2017:

Anni made a motion to change minutes due to spelling errors, Myrna's name was spelled wrong and corrected two times. Rosemary mentioned Andy!'s name was also spelled wrong and was corrected, Anni's piece in 5a of last minutes should be titled "blue collar," and in 8. "co-juring" needs to be changed to "co-jurying" to correct the spelling.

Anni made a motion to approve minutes with a total of 6 corrections, Uwe seconded motion.

3. 2017 Community Art Banner Project Update

- a. Production status: Banners are in production now to be expected the week before displaying. Rosemary will let Anni know when they come in.
- b. Artist Reception: Rosemary and Sara have worked out details and logistics around food for the reception.
- c. 2018 Theme: majority of the committee mentioned they support the pop-art theme, some concerns around the theme were how to connect a tagline to it that will explain what the theme is. The committee discussed what pop art is and how it has changed culture in the past. Anni made a motion for next year's theme to be pop art. All were in favor, none opposed.

An image is needed for a call for art, Anni mentioned a good image might be a detail off a Jorge Rojas project. Anni mentioned she would take a picture of it and send it to Rosemary for review.

4. Banner Art Retrospective Update:

Rosemary mentioned she had a meeting with Pat Kulfort from Public works and Pat mentioned they were working on the retrospective banner art project details. Rosemary stated Vicky created a map of where the banners could possibly be located. Currently Pat has all the information regarding where and in what ward the banners will be hung. Rosemary stated the city of west Chicago does not need any additional holders to be purchased by the committee because they have enough.

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5. Update on Matthew Hoffman's Sculpture:

Anni mentioned she spoke with Matthew Hoffman and he is excited about the possibility of a new location. Anni stated Matthew will research detail on what is needed for the foundation for the piece of art. Rosemary mentioned she spoke with Rob and he mentioned the foundation (which the city agreed to pay for) first needs to be looks at by an engineer to see what will be required, but Rob is not sure if his public works team can complete this task. Anni stated she will mention to Matthew the expectations set for the sculpture along with the budget and she will get back to the committee. Anni also mentioned Sarah talked to the library foundation about possibly helping with cost, but nothing has been finalized. Rosemary stated she will talk to Michael about a shared agreement that might need to be done with the library.

6. Artéculture Update:

No submissions lately, only Uwe mentioned he submitted two pieces. Rosemary mentioned The River Radio will be promoting Artéculture, Lew also mentioned Artéculture will be promoted on WGBN. Rosemary mentioned, the call for art is out, artists can submit online it is also on the LED sign and the call for art went out on the e-news letter sent by the city. Rosemary also mentioned she is working on drafting a letter to various college arts programs to invite students to submit. Anni mentioned she could use a jpeg invitation to text it to people, Rosemary said she would design one and send it to Anni. Rosie mentioned it could possibly be posted on the Arts DuPage website, Rosemary stated Sara has connections there. Anni mentioned it could also be shared with Chicago Area Artists, Rosemary said she will have her intern explore these options and Anni also stated she would promote it on Craigslist.

7. Scholarship Update:

Heidi provided us with information from the scholarship application; one applicant submitted. Anni motioned to award Megan Graal from CHS (Community High School) in West Chicago the Cultural Arts Scholarship, Buddy Seconded. Buddy then motioned to approve the scholarship in the amount of \$600 to go to Megan Graal from CHS, Rosie seconded.

8. Other Business:

Uwe shared with the committee that he had a show this past week, there were 22 photographers present and there was a great turnout. He mentioned he gave a presentation to Students the next day. Anni shared she went to a conference in Chicago called "Open Engagment" that promotes artist initiatives that use the arts to engage in the community. She mentioned it was a great opportunity to hear positive feedback and to hear and listen to what other artists are doing. Rosemary shared we have a marketing survey online for the City of West Chicago and she encouraged committee members to go online and take it, as well as to share it with other community members.

9. Public Participation:

There was no public participation.

10. At 9:08 Anni made a motion to adjourn, Rosie seconded.