

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved with corrections at meeting of August 24, 2017

**West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission  
Thursday, July 27, 2017  
West Chicago City Hall- Committee Room B, 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Established of a Quorum: Anni Holm, Gail Cannata, Buddy Plumlee, Lew Achenbach, Sara Phalen, Adriana *Sarellana*, and Rosemary Mackey called to order at 7:09pm
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2017: still have no minutes from Rosie Delgado who acted as secretary that evening.
3. 2017 Public Art Project: Anni talked to Matthew Hoffman and sent him the specifications that Rosemary had conveyed with engineer seal of approval and establishment of foundation; Anni has shown Benjamin Weseloh Library Director the plan, library has concerns and want to ensure that they will not pay for the foundation, but that the city will be bidding that out and that that money will not come out of the \$5,000 CAC money. Still looking at it being dedicated in October, perhaps after downtown Trick or Treat; production is a 3 week turn around for manufacturing; preference for location-in front of library as long as it does not inhibit the sprinkler system; Rosemary said the engineer needs to specify how the foundation should be construction and the city will determine if they can do it themselves or if they need to hire a special company to meet specifications of engineer; Matthew will give us a proposal of sculpture including foundation/base; Anni will find out what the library needs from us to make a formal approval; discussion about backup plan if we need a different location from library-*Sesqui Park* high traffic and train line; since this is not being installed onto an already existing platform there is also more flexibility in design.
4. 2018 Banner Art Theme & Early Promotion-Pop Art: Rosemary will get the form onto the website; look to do a Maker Movement Pop Art class(es) at the Gallery; everyone commented about really liking the banners from past years that are around town; could also look to have a public art project done that would go out in the non-downtown banners as a series from one or more artists;
  - a. We need to go back and find out who won the 2016 banner competition -Sara will get the banner ballots and bring to next meeting
  - b. Rosemary will send out a press release reminding people to go vote for this year
  - c. Sara bring ballot box to National Night Out so people can vote; Rosemary will print more color maps
5. Other business:
  - a. Art DuPage Public Art: Sara discussed the new up and running Arts DuPage.org and there public art page, would like to list all of the West Chicago art on it, discussion

- b. about whether our pieces should be listed as an ongoing “outdoor exhibit” or if each piece should be listed individually
    - i. Do we want to create a name for our downtown public art? i.e. Naperville’s Century Walk
    - ii. Or should we list separately the pieces that we have and the banner art
    - iii. Sara will list the current public art-Heide and Jens; Anni’s hands; Buddy Mural; Community Banners, for now and we can look to a larger grouping in the future
  - c. Master Plan will be put back on future agenda after October so we can continue our discussion of overall view for public art
  - d. 2018 Public Art Project: Andy! Koslawski-need to ask him to come back to an upcoming meeting and get update on where he is with this bike rack art proposal; Rosemary will reach out to him and obtain where he is with proposal
  - e. Artist-in-Residency Funding: discussion as had about the PMV Artist in Residency program and the \$500 annual grant the CAC provides to help make that possible; 2016’s money was not dispersed, but Rosemary did clarify that was withheld in error, PMV will invoice for both 2016 and 2017 years to help cover the artist expenses
  - f. Buddy announced Uwe’s upcoming show in Germany that opens in September
  - g. 2016 Public Art: Buddy inquired about the procedure for him to make an alteration to his mosaic at Sesqui Park, he will bring us a proposal showing what alteration he would like to make; also the issue of rust running off from the wheel-Is there anything we can do to prevent/remedy this?
  - h. Gallery Theater: Gail announced the 8<sup>th</sup> Season schedule which will debut with *Grace & Glorie* in September
6. Public Participation: none
7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm