

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved with corrections at meeting of 11/1/18

West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission
Thursday, September 6, 2018
West Chicago City Hall – Committee Room B
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to order, Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum: Anni Holm, Uwe Gsedl, Buddy Plumlee, Adriana *Sarellana*, Heidi Kuharich, and City Liaison Rosemary Mackey in attendance.
2. Minutes of the meeting of July 5, 2018 were not approved. It appeared as though the date of July 5, 2018 was mistakenly placed on minutes from the May meeting. As Sara Phalen was not in attendance, Commission members agreed to wait until she could be consulted before resubmitting for approval at a future meeting.
3. Meeting began with introductions, as there were two new people at the table, Bodo Gsedl visiting with Sister City group from Taufkirchen (Vils) and brother of Cultural Arts Commission member Uwe; and Heidi Kuharich, a new Cultural Arts Commission member.
4. Bodo talked about his art, his studio at the Water Castle in Bavaria, Taufkirchen's public art programs and his experience as juror of the 2018 Community Art Banner exhibit.
5. Heidi shared her background as a volunteer at D33, and also her work as an editor. She shared her interest in contributing to West Chicago's art community through involvement on the Commission.
6. It was determined that no more votes should be cast for the People's Choice Award for the 2018 Community Art Banner exhibit. All ballots would be collected and counted so the winner could be notified in October or November. Rosemary said she would contact Public Works about removing the banners and delivering them to the City Museum. She also told Commission members that the new call for art and the 2019 online application is on the City's website and encouraged members to distribute widely.
7. A recap of the public art dedication for loveevenmore was given by Rosemary and Buddy, both of whom attended and spoke with artist Matthew Hoffman and fabricator Mike Heller. Turnout was good and media (Daily Herald) showed up and interviewed the artist and Mayor Pineda. The Library was pleased to host the reception on its lawn, with the Commission providing the refreshments. A suggestion was made about providing a gravel ring around the sculpture with some low plantings in a horse-shoe shape so as not to obstruct the view of the art. Also, it was suggested to approach the Library about adding some up-lighting for the piece. Several people on the Commission said they and others they spoke to were surprised that the piece appears smaller than was expected, even though the dimensions are exactly as what was proposed. Rosemary will look into cost of a monument plaque/sign to provide information about the piece and the artist.

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8. October will be designated West Chicago Arts Month through a Proclamation by Mayor Pineda and a solo exhibit of the 2018 Artéculture People's Choice winner, Liz Weibler, would be featured at City Hall. Also, Artoberfest at Gallery 200 will be promoted.
9. Discussion of the Public Art Master Plan brought new Commission member up to speed on its progress and informed our international guest of the direction the Commission was taking in creating this formal document. Rosemary was asked to provide background via email of the questions that formed, and will form, continuing surveys of the community about Why, Where, What, Who etc. Public Art.
10. Under Other Business, Bodo asked to speak further on the topics of public art, community engagement with the arts and best practices etc.
11. There was no public participation, other than Bodo Gsedl.
9. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by:

Rosemary Mackey