

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved with corrections at meeting of 11/1/18

**West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission**  
**Thursday, October 4, 2018**  
**West Chicago City Hall – Committee Room B**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Call meeting to order at 7:06pm: Anni Holm, Sara Phalen, Uwe Gsedl, Adriana Sarellana, Heidi Kuharich, Gail Cannata, Lew Achenbach and City Liaison Rosemary Mackey in attendance. Guests Billie Childress and Kerry Perry.

1. Minutes
  - a. September 6, 2018 and June 14, 2018 minutes are moved to the next agenda for approval
2. 2018 Community Banner Project: People's choice award will be tallied at November meeting
3. Public Art Master Plan
  - a. Rosemary sent out all the questions and answers that we have already done
  - b. We need to come up with a format for what has already been done and how to position the master plan for the public
  - c. Thoughts on developing a visual presentation that can be presented to council, but can also be scaled down into something that can be easily accessed and engaged with by the public
  - d. Provide road map for 5 – 10 years
  - e. Uwe will document existing art in photographs
  - f. Question of how we incorporate "culture" and not just the public art at some point as we plan our work
  - g. After some discussion it was decided that we need more time to actually take this in as a group
4. Other Business:
  - a. Question raised about what we will do in 2019 for public art? Discussion of continuing the butterfly project and having a mural done that incorporates them perhaps with artist Juan Chawuk
5. Public Participation:
  - a. Billie Childress and Kerry Perry from the West Chicago Garden Club attended to propose an art project; each spring the Garden Club does an art project (last year did mosaics); they would like to propose a similar project to the Rotary Botanic Garden in Janesville, WI, brought images as examples of the art pieces (templates-give out wood cuttings of, for example a frog, that then each artists paints and are displayed) throughout the gardens
    - i. Garden Club would like to work on the project during February and March -they are thinking this would be a group project for them (art creation in February and

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March), collected in April, in May ready to go out into community gardens (they would target the Kruse House Garden)

1. Garden Club is willing to support its participants
  2. Don't have the resources to take on a huge amount of work
  3. Could be a project that could grow -start with doable size
  4. Could be tied into *America In Bloom*
- ii. Is there a way to tie this into Art in the Garden (PMV West Chicago Historical Society Fundraiser)?
  - iii. Timeline?
  - iv. Insurance?
  - v. Could this be expanded to other gardens in the community?
  - vi. Template ideas? Butterfly, flower, bees (1/2 inch)
  - vii. Great to have this led by a community group, but not sure what we can contribute
    1. We do not have time to administer this
    2. We want to support this but in a way that we can, knowing that we have limited funds and limited time
  - viii. Options:
    1. "butterfly tour" for Healthy West Chicago walks
    2. Joint project with the Garden Club and the Cultural Arts Commission
      - a. We fabricate and pay for X amount for the community and the Garden Club pays for X amount
      - b. Ask Garden Club to match -each pay for half and they get some and we get some to administer
    3. What administration of this project are we offering ?
  - ix. Talk to fabricator first and get cost and timeline to see what is feasible
  - x. We want it to be more community involved
  - xi. We have \$5,000 that we need to spend this year -what are we willing to spend and then what would be willing to spend out of next years budget
    1. Butterfly project to spend this year and next year-mural
    2. Anni made a Motion to spend up to \$5,000 this year to produce butterflies, Lew seconded, all in favor, passed
      - a. Sara and Heidi appointed as a subcommittee to work on this

6. Adjourned 9:04pm