

West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission
Minutes
February 4, 2010

Approved
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In attendance: Heide Morris, Anni Holm, John Keeney, Janet Gilleland, P.J. Fisher and LuAnn Bombard.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm. Agenda items addressed:

1. Approval of minutes. The January 7, 2010 minutes were reviewed. Item #3 was amended to read in part: "a. Marketing banners for sale: Rosemary to prepare a letter for businesses on January 15 asking for ~~25.00~~ **\$20.00** donation to help beautify the City by ~~sponsoring~~ **funding** flower baskets **and banners.**" ~~She will add our available banners to that request.~~ Minutes were approved as amended by unanimous voice vote.
2. Introduction of new members: The two newly appointed Commission members, P.J. Fisher and Janet Gilleland, were introduced to the rest of the Commission. Each member told a little about themselves.
3. Review annual report: Draft copies of the 2009 Commission annual report were distributed to Commissioners to review. LuAnn will email so members can make comments and send them back to her by next week.
4. Update on Education Foundation for District 94 art project: Heide reviewed the Education Foundation submittal and information forms for their "painted chair" art project fund raiser. She said that it had been discussed at the Gallery Board meeting. It was decided that the Commission and Gallery could support the project by offering a workshop and information session at the Gallery. Heide is in contact with an artist that paints furniture and she is willing to do the workshop. It was suggested that a Foundation representative also be at the workshop to answer questions. It would be nice to display one of the chairs at Blooming Fest. A possible date for the workshop would be March 27th, as we should be able to use the basement area by then. It was also mentioned that at the end of this project, the chairs will be auctioned off and the proceeds will go to the Foundation. It was noted that the Foundation may also be willing to auction the street banners, too.
5. Banner Project update: Anni provided a banner update. She has received entries from 24 local artists (there were 20 last year) and 18 regional artists (18 last year). There are a number of new people who have submitted. She reported that the information session was held on January 16th. It was suggested that there be an on-line submittal form for next year as well as a page addressing "Frequently Asked Questions". John said that he would contact the banner company. It was suggested that a generic entry banner be created so we can avoid the cost of printing each year. This needs further discussion. John and Anni wondered if a People's Choice ballot could be printed in the City newsletter. They will talk with Rosemary.
6. Gallery 200 Update: It was reported that the dues schedule will be changing. The Gallery will be on a calendar year, to coincide with the City's budget year. Members will be asked in March to sign up for 9 months at \$50.00. There will also be some changes in the contract. The basement is almost done, so hopefully it

can be used in March. Uwe's show is up and the reception is Friday night, February 5th.

Anni requested information on City Hall Art exhibit since it is a function of the Commission. Holiday wreaths were hung on the long wall in the City Hall public hallway. When the wreaths came down, the hangers stayed, so Heide and LuAnn thought that this was an opportunity to display art. A schedule has been set up and each artist exhibits their work for 3 months. Mark Fortman is currently exhibiting with Lori Macjen exhibiting starting in April. There is currently no one scheduled starting in July. Gallery brochures are also available with the display. Anni suggested that as a benefit for being the Peoples' Choice winner for the banners, we offer to show the winning banner artist's work in the hallway.

7. Update on Blooming Fest: Blooming Fest is May 15th. The Gallery will have extended hours, opening from 9:00am until 3:00pm. There will be demonstrations as well as a drawing for donated art work, as in past years.. The set-up for the event will be similar to last years.
8. Sculpture Park update: Jesse was not present, so there was no update.
9. Review Commission functions: The Commission discussed the draft of the mission statement and general job functions. It was approved by voice vote. Any member responsible for one of the functions is reminded to write up the general responsibilities and add it to the binder.
10. Other business: Due to the growing popularity of "Knit Night" which is held at the Galley every Thursday night, the Commission will move their regular meetings (first Thursday night of each moth) to City Hall.
11. Announcements: Saturday morning *People Made Visible* will be doing a clothing and supplies drive for Haiti at St. Michaels' church from 10:00am-2:00pm. Anni announced that the Danish professional gymnastic team will be in the area October 27-31 and they are looking for places to perform

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Bombard,
Staff liaison