

APPROVED ON 10/1/2015

**City of West Chicago
Cultural Arts Commission
Wednesday, September 23, 2015 (Special Meeting)
Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:46 p.m. Commission members in attendance: Mandy Rakow, Uwe Gsedl, Buddy Plumlee, Lew Achenbach, Heide Morris. City liaison Rosemary Mackey was also in attendance. Quorum established.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes special meeting of August 13, 2015: Heide made a motion to approve with the addition of details about Mayor Pineda's suggestion to use benches for a public art project. Motion to approve seconded by Lew Achenbach and agreed to unanimously.
3. Discussion of the FY2016 Budget was deferred until the next regular Commission meeting of Thursday, October 1, 2015. Rosemary was asked to bring a copy of the current budget.
4. The Community Art Banner project was discussed related to Uwe's continuing work on the creation of a new template. He presented several examples which members liked. However, there were some suggestions to tweak font-size, placement etc., and it was decided that absent members needed to see and approve finished design. Uwe has been in contact with Myrna and is still waiting for her input about specifications. He will continue to pursue this so the template will be totally ready to receive accepted art and put into production much earlier than last year. Due to limited time, Commission decided to defer the counting of ballots for the People's Choice winner until the next regular Commission meeting of Thursday, October 1, 2015.
5. Rosemary informed the Commission that the Infrastructure Committee had not approved bike racks at its last meeting. The item was on the Committee's agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting of October 1, 2015. Discussion followed about the CAC's public art project for 2015. Since the only other option was going with the kinetic art display that Heide had suggested and nothing definitive had yet to be determined, Rosemary suggested that rather than spend the budgeted amount of \$2,500 on something that felt rushed, the Commission consider carrying over the budget amount to next year, doubling the amount that could be used in 2016. She stressed there was no guarantee that the Council would approve this, nor for that matter, any allocation for public art in 2016. However, if a compelling rationale for doing so could be made to the City Council, it might be a way to do something bigger and of more impact. This prompted a discussion of the need for a Public Art Master Plan. Uwe suggested developing a 5-year program which would include a sponsorship component by local businesses. Buddy said a Master Plan would be a great goal; Lew felt we should consider Anni's piece, In this together, as the starting point in developing a community identity through art. Rosemary updated the group about the access to the mural related to the proposed garden, which was resolved by Public Works revising the plan to include walkways.
6. Lew brought everyone up to date on the progress of his Jazz Occurrence series. He indicated he would be unavailable for the next regular meeting of October 1, 2015.
7. Heide motioned to adjourn at 8:24, seconded by Uwe. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Rosemary Mackey