

**West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission**  
**Thursday, October 6, 2016**  
**West Chicago City Hall-Committee Room B**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Approved w/Correction: November 3, 2016**

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum:** Commission members in attendance Rosalinda Delgado, Anni Holm, Adriana Sarellana, Gail Cannata, Uwe Gsedl, Buddy Plumlee. City liaison Rosemary Mackey was also in attendance. Quorum established. Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of August 25, 2016:** Uwe made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Anni seconded the motion, and minutes were approved.
3. **Welcome New Commission Members:** Gail Cannata and Adriana Sarellana were welcomed by members present and gave a little background information about their interest in contributing to the Commission's efforts in promoting the arts in West Chicago. Gail's background is in independent theater, currently serving as the Creative Director for Gallery Theater. Adriana has a background in fashion design and wants to become more involved in the community.
4. **2016 Public Art Project & Dedication:** Rosemary mentioned that Public Works would like to paint the new hardware that reinforces the wheel's weldment. Decision was to defer to Sara Phalen from the historical integrity perspective of the wheel. Request was made for more information on the rust-ability of the hardware.

The dedication plaque was discussed at length. The existing plaque that goes with the wheel will be used. Should the Commission purchase a matching one for the artwork. How will the plaques be displayed since they will not be attached to the podium. If they are put in cement somewhere near the artwork, how will that impact mowing, snowplowing etc. Also, if this is chosen option, we would probably need to wait until spring to pour cement. Rosemary is *seeking* input from Public Works and also get feedback from Sara. Decision deferred to next meeting.

The time for the Dedication was set for 3:00 p.m. as originally discussed. Speakers would include Mayor Pineda, Anni Holm (as CAC chair), Sara Phalen (Museum Director on the historic significance of the wheel), and of course artist Buddy Plumlee.

Rosemary will seek assistance from Public Works for setup, takedown and garbage cleanup. She will purchase refreshments.

Names for the artwork were brainstormed, however, it was decided that Buddy would take some more time and forward his choice of name to Rosemary.

5. **Budget:** Rosemary indicated she was working on the FY2017 Budget and talked about what the Commission might wish to accomplish next year. Members wanted to see a greater amount budgeted for Public Art, since it was very difficult to find professional artists outside (or inside) of the community to work for current allocation. Anni Holm mentioned the failure of Matthew Hoffman to bring his art to West Chicago due to financial costs that he would have to incur for

materials and approvals. All agreed to respectfully ask City for \$5,000 for next piece of public art. Plus, question about applying for grants or business sponsorships was raised and should be pursued. Geneva, IL was mentioned again as a model for leveraging private donations, however, it is believed that Geneva's Cultural Commission is separate from the City, unlike West Chicago's CAC which is an extension of the City.

Also discussed was maintaining a line item of \$500 to cover Artist in Residence program. Uwe Gsedl asked how the artists were chosen for this program, to which Anni replied through PMV's network of artists.

Rosemary asked the group to think about any new activities or projects that should be reflected in budget. Maintenance of existing public art was one such addition that should be made. Also, Gail brought up the idea of budgeting for live performance art, whether that be music or theater. Rosemary mentioned the new pavilion being built at Reed-Keppler and possibly budgeting for the rental fee (if any) once the pavilion begins programming.

6. **Other Business:** Uwe Gsedl brought up the idea of the City updating photographs of various community locations through an aerial view from a cherry-picker truck to give City photography a new look. He would like to discuss this further both with the Commission and also with the City from a marketing perspective.
7. **Adjournment:** meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by Rosemary Mackey