

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved at meeting of Dec. 7, 2017

West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission

Thursday, November 2, 2017

West Chicago City Hall-Committee Room B

7:00p.m.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum: 7:04pm, Anni Holm, Fabiola Garcia, Adriana Sarellana, Buddy Plumlee, Uwe Gsedl, Sara Phalen. City staff liaison Rosemary Mackey
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2017: Anni made a motion, Buddy seconded, all in favor with the edit of Adriana's last name.
3. Discussion of Public Art Component on Bike Racks: Andy! Kozlowski was supposed to be here tonight, but had to cancel because he had to go the doctor, and he did not have proposal to forward to us. So we need to develop a Plan B:
 - a. Buddy brought up ghost bike project and is there a way that we could tie into that
 - b. Anni, Uwe and Sara also brought up a few other metal artists and artists that do work that might lend itself to the bike racks-do we want to ask a specific artist or do a wider call?
 - c. Discussion was had around whether we want to have an open call for a design that we would have a company die cut or do we have look for an artist who works in metal that would make an original piece?
 - d. Buddy is going to reach to Ed (a metal artists that did work for the Rio Olympics) and if Ed says no we pull together a quick call for art
4. 2017 Banner Art-People's Choice Award Winner: Judith Horsley won-so she can either get a credit for a future year or pick a past banner; discussion was had about how we want to continue to the voting for the banner competition: Maybe change to printing the ballot in the City newsletter and testing to see how many responses we get that way; but still print the map and hand out at Blooming Fest and have it available at museum and gallery; we will honor Judi at the December 4th city council meeting- Sara will write a script and present
5. 2018 Banner Art Marketing Update: Rosemary created banner flier; Rosemary will contact Bodo for information about him juroring and send another press release; discussion was had about if we need to do more to tell people what pop art is? Decision at this time was no and to point people back to Rosemary's original press release that had ample information
6. Update on loveevenmore: it is moving along, we have the engineering specs and Rosemary communicated to Matthew that City is now reviewing the specs and will let Matthew know when are good to move forward for the fabrication; this will not happen by Frosty Fest, but the City has approved us moving the money into the 2018 calendar year; we are currently

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7. waiting for the City's green light; but we do know that Matthew checked with the fabricator and the fabricator can still produce it at the same price; library board is meeting November 27th to confirm their agreement to the plan
8. Continue Master Plan Discussion of "Why Public Art" for Final Feedback:
 - a. Gail added by email to Rosemary: "public art evokes emotion, thought, collaboration" "it applauds creativity and is free inspiration it creates dialogue, especially among differing opinions" "public art is necessary now more than ever with fewer classes devoted to the arts in public school"
 - b. We put out prompt "Public art is important to me because: check all the reasons that are applicable to you or write your own in" for community to contribute to
 - i. Rosemary will create it and will pass it around and we can have it out at Frosty Fest and Sara can relay to the city council on December 4th
 - c. The next one we will talk about is "who" at the December meeting
 - d. Then where, then how
9. Other Business
 - a. none
10. Public Participation
11. Adjournment 8:42pm