

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

APPROVED WITH CHANGES MAY 6, 2021

West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission

Thursday, April 8, 2021

7:00pm

< Special Meeting >

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 7:02pm by Buddy Plumlee; Roll Call: Uwe Gsedl (joined at 7:13), Judith Horsley, Heidi Kuharich, Sara Phalen, Buddy Plumlee, Stephanie Ross, Deborah Walsh, and City Liaison Rosemary Mackey in attendance; quorum established
2. Approve Minutes of March 16, 2021: Sara Phalen made motion to approve, Buddy Plumlee seconded the motion; minutes approved unanimously with no corrections
3. Discussion of Public Art Master Plan:
 - a. Rosemary Mackey reviewed proposal discussion from *Public Affairs Planning* Committee Meeting in greater detail noting that it had been moved from the voting agenda to the discussion agenda prior to that meeting; final recommendation was to refer the milkweed seed distribution aspect to the Environmental Committee; Sara Phalen, who was also present for the *Public Affairs Planning* Committee Meeting, requested the meeting recording for CAC review
 - b. During that meeting, the *Public Affairs Planning* Committee expressed concern that the CAC is still operating without a Master Plan for public art and felt this was a necessary component moving forward [anecdotally noted language: "one-offs" in relation to art pieces the Commission has promoted in recent years]
 - c. Discussion transitioned to the status of the Master Plan, loss of files during server crash, how to proceed; Buddy Plumlee offered to reassemble as much as possible with what we still have and what can be recreated, then identify what next steps are needed to bring the Plan to completion; Rosemary Mackey will send all pertinent files to Buddy Plumlee, including raw data files
 - Particular points raised by Commission include: art we have vs art we wish for in future; notable distinction that Commission members are volunteers, but artists should be respected and valued accordingly (paid for work); Master Plan should be inclusive, comprehensive, strategic; language should reflect artistic endeavors with business language whenever appropriate/possible
 - d. Final resolution on art component of Milkweed Art/Marketing Project is to allow People Made Visible to step in and move forward
4. Update Status of Banner Art:
 - a. Sara Phalen will send artwork files to Uwe Gsedl for set-up in banner form; Rosemary Mackey requested images as well
 - b. People's Choice Award voting will remain online
 - c. Sara Phalen and Uwe Gsedl will work together to assign completed banners on the map for Public Works, etc.
5. Other Business
 - a. Rosemary Mackey reported resignation of Adriana Sarellana from Commission
 - b. Heidi Kuharich reported Online Haiku Gallery with LMS students is on track for April after brief delay at school
 - c. Buddy Plumlee reported that a new art show has been hung at Kindred Coffee Roasters; artists are art students from Wheaton Academy
 - d. Heidi Kuharich requested revisiting the idea of an ongoing parking lot to ensure discussion items don't get lost/forgotten; Commission suggested keeping it with the Minutes for ongoing review/referral
 - e. Sara Phalen raised the concern that the Commission is still operating without a Chair

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- f. Deborah Walsh confirmed that the next meeting will return to the regular schedule (i.e: May 6, 2021)
- 6. Public Participation: none
- 7. Adjournment: 8:14pm; Stephanie Ross made motion, Uwe Gsedl seconded; unanimous