

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

APPROVED ON JULY 1, 2021

## West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission

Thursday, May 6, 2021

7:00pm

### MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 7:04pm by Heidi Kuharich; Roll Call: Judith Horsley, Heidi Kuharich, Buddy Plumlee, Stephanie Ross, Deborah Walsh, and City Liaison Rosemary Mackey with guest Janna Williamson in attendance; quorum established
2. Nominate and Vote on Cultural Arts Commission Secretary/Scribe: Judith Horsley volunteered to take minutes on a trial basis.
3. Approve Minutes of April 8, 2021: Buddy Plumlee made motion to approve, Stephanie Ross seconded the motion; minutes approved unanimously with the correction of the committee named in #3 in three places (a and b) as noted by Rosemary Mackey
4. Update on 2021 Art Banner Submissions and Next Step:
  - a. Rosemary Mackey stated that the designs have been laid out in banner form by Uwe Gsedl and approved by the artists. John from Signarama will submit a print proof on Friday, May 7, 2021 for final approval.
  - b. Heidi Kuharich asked if a hang date has been set. Rosemary Mackey stated that the banners were usually hung in time for Blooming Fest, but the repair of broken brackets will cause the hang date to be moved back. The "Take Flight" Banners may be the only banners hung this summer.
  - c. Rosemary Mackey will be meeting with Uwe Gsedl to plot out the placement of the banners and asked for a volunteer to help with the process. Deborah Walsh volunteered.
5. Update Status of Public Art Master Plan
  - a. Buddy Plumlee has received pertinent files from Rosemary Mackey and will start soon drafting the Public Art Master Plan and forward to Heidi Kuharich for edits.
  - b. General discussion ensued regarding the Public Art Master Plan. In general, the CAC has recently been focused on installing another piece of art. The master plan will summarize the main components of the CAC mission statement but include flexibility needed for artistic creativity, outreach, education and procurement of public art in all forms.
  - c. Rosemary Mackey stated disappointment in the lack of responses to the most recent CAC poll. Heidi Kuharich noted that the monarch project was very popular along with the Haiku project.
  - d. Stephanie Ross asked if other commissions have a master plan. Rosemary Mackey summarized the mission of the other commissions and as such, they are mainly advisory groups.
6. Other Business:
  - a. Heidi Kuharich revived an ongoing parking lot of ideas and issues going back through minutes of meetings from January 2019 forward. Rosemary Mackey sent the document out for review prior to the meeting. Judith Horsley stated that it was very helpful to her as a new member, but did not feel it was necessary to go back further in the minutes to add to the list. Heidi suggested listing the information as a line item Google document so that CAC members would all have access between meetings. The parking lot would be made available with the minutes. Stephanie Ross suggested that CAC members could recommend moving items from the parking lot to the agenda; but that would only happen at the discretion of the Chair.
  - b. Rosemary Mackey reported that repairs have been made to various art installations and that plaques would be installed. Buddy Plumlee will handle the installation of the plaque on his art piece.

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- c. Deborah Walsh needed to know who she should obtain information from regarding the Frida exhibit at the College of DuPage as pertains to West Chicago. She was informed that Sara Phalen (People Made Visible) and Fernando Ramirez (Mexican Cultural Center-DuPage) should be contacted. Rosemary Mackey mentioned that people can still submit a piece of Frida inspired art for the June and July show at Gallery 200.
  - d. Rosemary Mackey inquired about the balsa wood airplanes being ready for display in conjunction with "Take Flight". Heidi Kuharich stated that returns have been slow and as such, the deadline was extended to June 1, 2021.
7. Public Participation:
- e. Guest Janna Williamson stated that she attended Wheaton College and lives in West Chicago on Arbor Street. She noted that it is hard and expensive to get access to a good practice piano. She is very happy that the high school has recently purchase a grand piano. She would like music to be layered in the activities or presentations planned by the CAC such as open performance opportunities. Buddy Plumlee thought it might be good to revive Local Music Night at Gallery 200. Rosemary Mackey stated there will be concerts at the shell this summer by the DuPage Symphony.
8. Adjournment: 7:53pm; Buddy Plumlee made motion, Deborah Walsh seconded; unanimous