

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS 10/07/21

West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission

Thursday, September 2, 2021

7:00pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 7:18pm by Heidi Kuharich; Roll Call: Uwe Gsedl, Heidi Kuharich, Buddy Plumlee, Deborah Walsh, ex officio Lew Achenbach, and City Liaison Rosemary Mackey in attendance; Quorum established
>>Anni Holm joined at 7.28pm
>>Judith Horsley joined at 7.52pm
2. Nominate and Vote on Cultural Arts Commission Secretary
 - a. Tabled temporarily
 - b. Heidi Kuharich offered to take the Minutes
3. Approve Minutes of August 5, 2021
 - a. Buddy Plumlee made motion to approve without changes, Deborah Walsh seconded; Approved unanimously
4. Update Status of Public Art Master Plan [Cultural Arts Commission Master Plan]
 - a. Master Plan is in process (per Buddy Plumlee).
 - b. Heidi Kuharich asked if there was an outline or framework that could be reviewed in an effort to identify any additional inclusions while in process.
 - c. Rosemary Mackey reviewed the original components for inclusion: Introduction/Executive Summary, Statement of Purpose, What is Public Art?, Guiding Principles/Goals, Survey Questions/Data Review, Master Plan Community Partners, Funding Sources/Solicitation, Inventory of Current Public Art, Maintenance Plan, Art/Artist Contracts, Insurance Considerations.
 - d. Heidi Kuharich noted the Thomas Mahady mural in the stairway at the Library should be included in the catalogue summary of West Chicago public pieces; Rosemary Mackey offered to research the archives on the history of that piece.
5. Update on Art Banner Promotion and People's Choice Award Winner
 - a. September 1st deadline for voting: 345 total votes
First Place @ 76 votes: Linda Schmitt #13
Second Place @ 63 votes: Ellen Shwatal #14
Third Place @ 53 votes: Brad Kimme #20
 - b. Results of all voting will be held for one year
 - c. Communications and PR on this year's results will include push for next year's theme: "RENEWAL"
6. Discuss West Chicago Sister Cities Signage and Future Collaboration
 - a. Locations of all five signs were given to Uwe Gsedl by Rosemary Mackey; those locations expected to remain static in next round; Public Works will install
 - b. Uwe Gsedl is researching and updating the design
 - c. Considerations for 25th Anniversary (2024) of the Sister Cities relationship; Anni Holm suggested Luftwerk collaboration light installation
7. Follow-Up on Repair of loveevenmore
 - a. Discussion on updated repairs to base; noted that paint does not exactly match from piece to base
 - b. Sign attached was found removed off the base by Anni Holm; Mark Ruddick confirmed reattaching
8. Other Business
 - a. Deborah Walsh reported that Ben Weseloh, Library Director, intends to address Commission at next meeting re:

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possible mural project

- b. Anni Holm noted the CAPE organization needs ~~arts teachers for~~ **artists to teach** their D33 collaboration
 - c. Heidi Kuharich provided follow-up on Frida Kahlo Exhibit video display of D33 student art; Deborah Walsh made motion to pursue acquisition in hopes of promoting, Judith Horsley seconded; carried unanimously
 - d. September/October is the timeframe for annual inspection of all public art under our "jurisdiction"; Heidi Kuharich and Anni Holm will complete condition review and report back to full Commission on findings
 - e. Heidi Kuharich asked if Buddy Plumlee's Signa Rotae artist sign had been attached: not yet
 - f. Rosemary Mackey is in contact with Shelley Campbell at DSO; continued conversation
 - g. Reflections on Taco Fest: Anni Holm suggested more CAC outreach; Buddy Plumlee suggested the fans used for the DSO event would have been a perfect addition due to weather
 - h. Heidi Kuharich noted an e-mail announcement (6.31.21 press release) that the DuPage County Fine Arts Festival was being postponed (originally slated for 9.24-9.26 at Fairgrounds) to COVID concerns; hoping to reschedule for Spring 2022; discussion on whether CAC should be involved somehow; anecdotal information: DuPage County contributed \$100,000 to the effort in hopes of recouping from ticket sales, seems to be focused mostly on performances over booths/displays/installations
 - i. Discussion on whether CAC should have presence at Frosty Fest and/or City Trick-or-Treat Event downtown; suggested activity around asking kids what art they'd like to see (as in Master Plan) via (TBD) collaborative art project
 - j. Anni Holm announced Terrain Biennial art project in collaboration with her Parent Art Class **at Gary Elementary School**; will be displayed in her front year October 2-November 15 in accordance with established project participation
9. Public Participation: N/A
10. Adjournment: Buddy Plumlee made motion, Anni Holm seconded, unanimous: 8.29pm

Submitted by H. Kuharich