

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

APPROVED APRIL 6, 2023

Thursday, March 9, 2023

7:00pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 7:05pm by Heidi Kuharich; Roll Call: Paulina Garcia, Uwe Gsedl, Jacob Hernandez, Anni Holm, Heidi Kuharich, Buddy Plumlee, Deborah Walsh, and City Liaison Daniel Peck in attendance; Quorum established
 - a. Guest attendee: Jonas Franz
2. Approve Minutes of February 2, 2023
 - a. Anni Holm made motion to approve, Jacob Hernandez seconded; Approved unanimously
3. Items for Discussion and Possible Action
 - a. Art Banner Exhibit 2023
 - i. Commission reviewed all banner designs (by Uwe Gsedl), confirmed all selections with minor edits
 - ii. Commission noted some selections appear to have been generated using AI (artificial intelligence); there is no rule against this currently but may need to enact one moving forward
 - iii. Uwe Gsedl noted that he submitted three images but only one was reflected in the final submissions
 1. This is a greater issue than just the immediate omission. Discussion on how many other artists might be experiencing same without Commission's knowledge. Needs to be addressed for future projects with possible alternatives considered.
 2. Dan Peck noted that banners are printed in pairs so going to 26 would not cause issue. Anni Holm sent missing images to judge, Sara Phalen (note: judge was not bound to push total number to 26). Sara Phalen confirmed selection of one offered image (as meeting adjourned).
 - iv. Deborah Walsh and Anni Holm will work to map best location of each banner in advance of hanging (delivering plan to Public Works).
 - v. Discussion on artist exhibit/reception traditionally held during Blooming Fest; artists given opportunity to show originals, CAC coordinates and provides light refreshments. Considering pandemic absence of reception/exhibit, perhaps moving to hang at Library; Heidi Kuharich will reach out to Ben Weseloh to inquire and get details.
 - vi. Theme for 2024 Art Banner Exhibit should be announced at Blooming Fest (when 2023 unveiled). Commission will finalize theme at April meeting.
 - b. Summer 2023: Andy Warhol "PopCan" Initiative
 - i. Discussion on City Staff dismissal of initiative, reportedly stemming from "questions" though not presented to Commission prior to opting out. Commission members voiced concerns over unilateral decisions being made outside of meeting confines.
 - ii. Heidi Kuharich and Paulina Garcia reported on secondary initiative of WeGoLoteria (initial presentation piece attached).
 - iii. In light of City Staff movement against PopCans, Buddy Plumlee motioned to accept WeGoLoteria, seconded by Anni Holm; AYES = 6, NAY = 1
 - iv. Buddy Plumlee, Anni Holm, and Paulina Garcia will work to secure artists for WeGoLoteria card design; Dan Peck will work to secure business involvement and compensation for artists (suggested \$50 Dick Blick cards as in past); Heidi Kuharich will work to compile and communicate all details to advance project between this meeting and next.
4. Other Business
 - a. Buddy Plumlee outlined the history of the ArteCulture Exhibit. It is currently set to be installed at Kindred Coffee Roasters for display throughout May. Traditionally, the artist reception is held during Blooming Fest. Buddy will create promo piece and Dan Peck will use to promote event. Buddy Plumlee will coordinate reception with light refreshments; Dan Peck confirmed funding.
 - b. Public Participation/Presentation: N/A
5. Adjournment: 9.10pm

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