

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

WEST CHICAGO CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Thursday, October 5, 2023

West Chicago City Hall – 475 Main Street

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Establishment of a Quorum
2. Public Participation
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Cultural Arts Commission Meeting: August 31, 2023
4. Items for Discussion and Possible Action
 - a. Art Banner Exhibit 2023
 - i. Confirm 2023 People's Choice Award Winner
 - ii. People's Choice Award Winner Recognition: October 16 @ 7 p.m.
 - b. Art Banner Exhibit 2024
 - c. Loteria
 - d. Cultural Arts Commission Master Plan
 - e. Upcoming Meeting Dates
 - i. November: Thursday, November 9
 - ii. December: Thursday, December 7
5. Other Business
6. Adjournment

CC: Mayor Ruben Pineda, City Council, Michael Guttman, West Chicago Cultural Arts Commissioners, Media, Daniel Peck

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West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission
Thursday, Augusts 31, 2023
7:00pm
MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 7:05pm by Heidi Kuharich; Roll Call: Paulina Garcia, Uwe Gsedl, Jacob Hernandez, Heidi Kuharich, Deborah Walsh, and City Liaison Daniel Peck in attendance; Quorum established; Buddy Plumlee on phone
2. Public Participation: Bruce Treudt and Luis Tapia observing; introductions; Bruce Treudt raised question of how Commissions are funded by City
3. Approve Minutes of August 3, 2023
 - a. Deborah Walsh made motion to approve, Jacob Hernandez seconded; Approved unanimously
4. Items for Discussion and Possible Action
 - a. Art Banner Exhibit 2023
 - i. Heidi Kuharich outlined completion tasks:
 1. Final Voting for People's Choice Award: Monday, September 4 (midnight)
 - a. Dan Peck confirmed results will be sent to Commission week of 9.4.23 for ratification
 - b. If vote required: October 5 CAC meeting
 2. Banners will be removed by Public Works during week of 9.4.23
 3. Mayor will announce People's Choice Award recipient at 10.16.23 City Council Meeting
 - a. Certificates for all artists signed by Heidi Kuharich; forwarding to Mayor for signature
 - b. Certificates and banners will be at meeting for dispersing to artists
 - c. Remaining certificates/banners will be available for pick-up at City Hall
 4. People's Choice Award recipient will be offered Gallery 200 show
 - a. Heidi Kuharich in communication with G200 to collaborate on details
 5. Library Exhibit of Local Banner Artists
 - a. Closing 9.1.23
 - b. Art Banner Exhibit 2024
 1. Status unchanged: Call for Art issued; deadline for submissions: February 9, 2024
 - c. Loteria Update
 - i. Heidi Kuharich reported final stages of production:
 1. In discussion with Sign-a-Rama to deliver images in correct format
 2. Paulina Garcia confirmed changes finalized
 3. Dan Peck suggested adding installation to Sign-a-Rama contract
 - ii. Heidi Kuharich reported status of Playing Boards
 1. Paulina Garcia is finalizing design
 2. Heidi Kuharich is finalizing copy for reverse
 3. Will deliver final version to Dan Peck for inclusion on webpage (www.wesstchicago.org/wegoloteria)
 4. Dan Peck confirmed that Playing Boards could be printed and kept at City Hall for Community pick-up
 - iii. Heidi Kuharich reported status of webpage copy
 1. Heidi Kuharich is finalizing copy
 2. Will deliver working version to Dan Peck for population of webpage
 3. Heidi Kuharich will also send list of current sites to Dan Peck for development of map, to be housed on webpage
 - iv. Heidi Kuharich reported on copyright question from 8.3.23 meeting; discussion with attorney determined no issue due to derivative nature and CAC does not intent to generate money from sale of said artwork
 - v. Dan Peck reported status of gift cards for artists needs some review; will return update asap
 - vi. Heidi Kuharich is in discussion with WCPLD regarding potential original art exhibit, possibly in conjunction with MID or Día de los Muertos
 - vii. Heidi Kuharich reported still seeking five sites for card display and sponsor for prizes
 - d. 2022 Annual Report: discussion confirmed submission accepted
 - e. Cultural Arts Commission Master Plan

- i. Buddy Plumlee confirmed earlier discussion on need to decrease involvement
 - ii. Heidi Kuharich introduced research done into past discussion as background; including early discussions on what to include in document and community survey results of Question 3: What kinds of public art would you like to see? (See Attached)
 - 1. Discussion on history of document, need for accurate survey, and logical progression of document undertaken
 - 2. Discussion on ensuring the Master Plan ultimately fills need and not wasting time creating ineffective document; refer to guidance from Michael Guttman, City Manager
 - f. Upcoming Meeting Dates
 - i. October 5
 - ii. November TBD: November 9
 - iii. December 7 (noted Frosty Fest Date: 12.2.23)
5. Other Business
- a. Heidi Kuharich reported that Arts DuPage reached out to CAC for assistance on Arts DuPage Month Proclamation; Dan Peck will review with staff and report City Council agenda date asap
 - b. Uwe Gsedl reported restaurant opening on 10.15.23 (Raised on Main Street)
6. Adjournment: 7.56pm

Master Plan Discussion Document Research Notes

Found in e-mail from Rosemary Mackey...

Original outline?

- Guiding Principles for Selection of Art/Artists
- Questions and Survey Results about Public Art (including the process by which we generated this community input)
- Community Partnerships that will Contribute to the Ongoing Development and Maintenance of the Public Art Program
- Project Assessment and Selection Process
- Map of Suitable Sites
- Project Definition and Call for Proposals/Artists (Defining the Project through a Request for Proposals/Request for Qualifications)
- Methods of Artist Solicitation
- Formal Artist Agreements to include scope of services, materials, timelines, installation, maintenance, warranty, compensation, title, assignments of royalty rights, risk of loss, insurance, repair or alteration
- Funding Sources including Artwork Donations and Art on Loan
- Collection Oversight including Removal of Artwork
- Maintenance and/or Storage

Current TOC

Introduction/Executive Summary

- Statement of purpose
- What is public art and cultural experience?
- Why public art?
- Guiding principles and goals

Public Art Commission-Selection Process

- Project development and selection of location
- Project call for proposals/artists
- Artist selection
- Artist contract
- Completion and installation

Arts Funding

- City Funding
- Donations
- Artwork donations
- Grants

Collective Oversight

- Curatorial
- Maintenance of public art
- Insurance

Community Involvement

- Educational partnerships
- Public participation

Master Plan Partners

- West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission
- West Chicago City Government
- Community Partnership

Appendices

- Appendix A: Public art inventory

Found in e-mail from Rosemary Mackey...

Questions for Commission Discussion (unclear if these were also issued to Community):

Why Do We Value Public Art? (What Purposes Does it Serve?)

Who are the Beneficiaries/Stakeholders of Public Art?

“Remaining questions to be tackled, first by the Commission so we can structure the public survey, are:”

What Type of Art Should Be Included in Our Master Plan?

Where Do We Feel are Suitable Locations for Future Installations?

How Will Future Art Be Funded?

Found in e-mail from Rosemary Mackey...

"As promised at the last meeting, I have compiled a list of answers by category of art from Survey Question #3, **What Kinds of Public Art Would You Like to See?**

"I will prepare a press release to provide these responses to the community, and to post on the City's website. I will put Question #4 (**Where Would You Like to See Public Art Installations in West Chicago?**) on the Agenda for the upcoming Special Meeting on March 26th. Our GIS staff person will create a map of each Ward to identify City or Inter-government owned properties that might be options for public art, to begin our discussion."

RESULTS OF SURVEY QUESTION # 3: WHAT KINDS OF PUBLIC ART WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE

TYPE	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know/Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unanswered
Murals	36	19	2	3	1	9
Sculpture	30	25	2	1	0	11
Interactive/Participatory	13	29	5	8	3	12
Temporary/Loaned	8	37	6	5	1	13
Performance	21	21	10	4	3	11
Print	11	33	4	8	0	14
Street Banner Art	27	28	2	3	0	10
Hydro Art	15	21	14	8	0	12
Digital	10	27	6	12	3	12
Architecture	26	30	3	2	1	8
Monuments	10	22	6	18	3	11
Paintings	22	28	5	3	0	12
Stained Glass	23	31	3	3	1	9
Ceramics	12	32	8	6	0	12
Mosaics	23	29	6	2	0	10
Tapestry	14	24	11	6	2	13
Earthworks	19	22	8	5	3	13
Assemblage	7	21	13	8	5	16
Installation Art	12	23	7	9	4	15
Holograms	9	15	10	15	7	14
Graffiti	13	16	5	13	13	10
Social Art	16	14	14	7	5	14
All of the Above	10	7	4	3	1	45

PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER FORMS OF ART YOU'D LIKE TO SEE

- *Thank you for valuing the arts. This is what WeGo has been known for. We are unique.*
- *Historical photos, drawings and art from the rich history of West Chicago.*
- *Subdivision Community initiated samples*
- *Graffiti, hand free art, splatter paint*
- *Murals are always a good option and age well in most cases. A colorful mural on the ugly cement wall across from the metra station heading west towards downtown would be PERFECT!*
- *I love that a master plan is being created. Perhaps some thought could be given to adding art or promoting it along 59, Roosevelt and north Ave so those who don't come into town can see it. I think doing so could help continue to build a more positive reputation for our city. Thanks for all you work!*
- *a water feature would be nice.*
- *Would have been helpful to give brief description of the types of art listed. I was not familiar with several of the categories. I did "google" them, but a definition would have been helpful. Looking forward to this evolving project!"*
- *Choices should not be political or divisive. They should be uplifting and focused on celebrating life or achievement. Pieces which rust over time should avoided because, honestly, which town needs more rust. Perhaps railroad themes might be interesting and Hispanic-related themes could be appropriate. Thanks for asking.*
- *I welcome any and all art! Especially would love to see art done by community members and students in our schools!*
- *MUSIC*
- *Artistic and creative playground*
- *Looks like a fairly comprehensive list!*
- *The "Butterfly" project was a great success.*

- *Paint your Tree design on a plywood base (like the butterflies). West Chicago needs another project similar to that. Theme could be protect our environment by planting a tree.*
- *Beautiful woodworking*
- *Children's Art*
- *I would like to see the monuments we now have some form of info on it. Train at the Arc & train by Wilson St Bridge. ie artist, date history. Water fountain on main st*
- *Stop worrying about lipstick on the pig and devote real effort and resources in fixing this town.*
- *Recycle art*
- *Art should not be limited*

Trunk-or-Treat candy wrapper art survey, October 2021

Master Plan-style survey question posed to attending children: What type of public art would you like to see in West Chicago? Options provided: Sculpture, Murals, Community Art, Interactive Art

Results:

Sculpture = 66 votes

Murals = 49 votes

Community Art = 73 votes

Interactive Art = 53 votes

Total = 241 votes

Anecdotal findings:

- Very valuable as an outreach effort
- Kids were polite and excited to participate, understanding easily what was being asked of them and why
- Parents seemed thrilled to have the kids asked
- Both kids and parents expressed gratitude and commented on what fun it was to create art in such a way

2023 Art Banner Exhibit: People's Choice Award Voting Results

Artist	Title	Art Banner #	# of Votes
Uwe Gsedl	The Beginning	1	2
Anne Frantzen	Standing Tall	2	3
Raelynn Katalaya	Toddler's First Rain	3	18
Cassandra Swierenga	Blonde Braids	4	4
Melissa Acstegtul	Girl Strong	5	12
Mercedes Calcano	Lives in Color	6	5
Ellen Shwatal	Bird Song	7	1
Sienna Sherrier	Blooming Bright	8	140
Maggie Capettini	Puzzle of Light & Energy	9	2
Nancy Thornton	Wonderful World of Color	10	2
Denise Munoz	Let Go	11	1
Asia Marie Bell	Golden Girl	12	63
Jim Rendant	Enjoining Life	13	1
Barb Dunn	Backside 50	14	4
James Lauro	Pink Lion	15	21
Bruce Treudt	Drum It Loud	16	0
Heidi Appleton	All in a Seed	17	0
Eric Appelquist	Love of Life	18	14
Joan Ladendorf	Blooming	19	0
Lesley Gena	Welcome	20	20
Marita Blanken	Busy Bee	21	0
Joe Wiebler	Promise of a New Day	22	0
Rosemary Mackey	Literacy Monarch	23	1
Sheila Newnham	King of the Plains	24	1
Steve Kost	Step Lively Heron	25	0
Barb Plitchka	Rise & Shine	26	14
		Total Entries	329



2023 Art Banner Exhibit: People's Choice Award Winner
Sienna Sherrier; Blooming Bright (140 Votes)