

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

APPROVED AUGUST 3, 2023

West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission

Thursday, June 8, 2023

7:00pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 7:02pm by Heidi Kuharich; Roll Call: Anni Holm, Uwe Gsedl, Heidi Kuharich, Buddy Plumlee, Deborah Walsh, and City Liaison Daniel Peck in attendance; Quorum established
2. Public Participation: N/A
3. Approve Minutes of May 4, 2023
 - a. Anni Holm made motion to approve, Buddy Plumlee seconded; Approved unanimously
4. Items for Discussion and Possible Action
 - a. Art Banner Exhibit 2023
 - i. Banner repositioning discussed last month confirmed by Anni Holm; she noted that they were moved differently than she suggested, but it works
 - ii. People's Choice voting ends 9.4.23; Commission may need to validate final result via electronic means; request put to Dan Peck to add presentation to October City Council meeting agenda; Heidi Kuharich will communicate to artists to provide ample notice
 - iii. Uwe Gsedl will begin design work on certificates for all participating artists; Heidi Kuharich will get him complete list for the purpose
 - b. Art Banner Exhibit 2024
 - i. Call for Art announcement requested; Dan Peck confirmed June for timing of the formal announcement
 - c. Artculture
 - i. Commission members discussed concerns regarding failure of arrangements for reception refreshments
 - ii. Buddy Plumlee suggested a swing toward more local artists in future (goal: more than half); Heidi Kuharich described success with increased communication to banner artists and recommended increasing that effort for such situations—in effect, to develop a solid list of artists and work the list
 - d. Loteria
 - i. Discussion on budget: CAC currently has \$472; Buddy Plumlee will draft request for additional funds and deliver to Dan Peck by 6.13.23
 - ii. Buddy Plumlee will make concerted effort to appeal personally to local businesses as site locations for art
 - iii. Artwork will be held for cataloguing by Heidi Kuharich; Dan Peck will alert her as received at City Hall
 - e. Warhol at COD/Art in West Chicago
 - i. Discussion on other art or projects proposed as part of the Warhol push or any public art in West Chicago led to a renewed broader discussion of the role of the Commission as Curator for all public art in West Chicago, specifically with regard to Commission responsibilities and efforts on the part of all City players to direct any entity to present to CAC as part of the process for installing public art.
 - f. Public Art on City Website
 - i. Dan Peck reported that initial analysis of Public Art webpage confirms that the files are largely gone (corrupted or incorrectly posted); remaining are pages on WCTU Fountain, Forever Lily, Loveevenmore, Juan Chawuk's first mural (@Tampico), and In This Together (this actually has two separate pages)
 - ii. City staff work on this project continues
 - g. Roles & Responsibilities of Staff Liaison
 - i. Michael Guttman, City Administrator, issued a memo (6.8.23) outlining the responsibilities of the CAC Liaison role
 - ii. Commission members received copies of memo
 - iii. Action on this item was tabled to the July meeting for further discussion
 - h. Upcoming Meeting Dates
 - i. July 13
 - ii. August TBD: in light of notes below, may be best to position in latter half of August
 - iii. September 14: date does not allow for time between meeting and Mexican Independence Day (if needed); may be better to push to second half of month to prepare for Banner wrap-up activities (City Council presentation, etc) if necessary
5. Other Business
 - a. Uwe Gsedl expressed concerns with City signage and treatment of Sister Cities; approaching 25 year anniversary (2024)
 - b. Heidi Kuharich led discussion on issue of missed deadline for 2022 Annual Report brought to her attention 6.6.23 by Dan Peck; Anni Holm confirmed that the task has never fallen to the Commission, but has always been completed entirely by the Liaison, possibly with some review or confirmation from CAC—possibly not; Dan Peck will send the most recent version (2021) to Heidi Kuharich as template for her use in completing document
 - c. Annual Report discussion led to secondary points regarding longstanding desire to declare long- and short-term goals of the Commission; Dan Peck indicated that September would be appropriate for timing as City Staff begins work on budgets in October
 - d. Anni Holm announced WeGo Community Theatre presentation of Seussical, July 13 & 14 at 7pm, July 15 at 2pm
6. Adjournment: 8.14pm

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