

DRAFT-MINUTES - SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION BOARD MEETING

October 17, 2023

5:00 P.M.

Conference Room A, Southfield Pavilion

A. Roll Call: (Crum; Flagg; Goldstein; Jones; Ligan; McTaggart; Milinsky; Pizana; Siver; Thomas; Wood; Zeigler)

Present: Flagg; Ligan; McTaggart; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler

Excused: Crum; Goldstein; Jones; Siver; Thomas

Absent:

Also Present: Ex-Officio Members: Deputy City Planner Paison, Planner Bollin; City Librarian Mary Beall.

5:02 p.m. Roll call determined that a quorum was present to conduct business.

B. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by McTaggart, supported by Wood to approve the Agenda, Approved 7-0, (Flagg; Ligan; McTaggart; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler)

C. Public comment (limited to three minutes): **No Public Comment**

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2023

Motion by Milinsky, supported by Ligan to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2023, as presented. Approved 7-0, (Flagg; Ligan; McTaggart; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler)

E. Sub-Committees Reports: (Master Plan: Fundraising, Education & Outreach):

- Financial Report:
 - FY 23/24 Budget Review (through 9/30/23)

Motion by Milinsky, supported by Ligan to approve the FY 23/24 Budget review through September 30, 2023, as presented. Approved 7-0, (Flagg; Ligan; McTaggart; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler)

F. Project Status Updates /Approvals:

Beechwoods Mural Installation:

Deputy Planner Paison and Planner Bollin gave an update on the Beechwoods mural installation. They explained that the quote for installation was larger than expected due to the resolution in which the image needed to be enlarged to. The resolution requirement caused a need for the image to be made into two different panels. Therefore, the original quote for installation was considerably smaller.

The price for the installation of both panels was quoted at \$13,832.00. There was apprehension from many members due to the cost, even after explaining the breakdown and reasoning of the high cost.

Due to the absence of key members, the commission voiced a desire to table the approval until the next meeting. Flagg asked for a motion

Motion by Pizana, supported by Ligan to approve postponing action on the Beechwoods Mural Installation until the next meeting to ask various questions about the quote that could not be answered at this time. Approved 7-0 (Flagg; Ligan; McTaggart; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler)

Gratitude update:

Paison and Bollin gave a short summary of the status of the replacement for the Gratitude art structure. Summarized the insurance process and stated that they were working with both the insurance company and the artist to recreate a piece closely resembling the former piece. Asked for approval of \$2,500 to cover the deductible for the piece.

There was a question on what body had access to the insurance money once it was paid out. Planner Bollin stated that the City would be receiving the money, but then would transfer it to the commission. Flagg stated a desire to move forward with the process and did not want to hold the process up over such an amount. Ligan stated misgivings with paying out the deductible amount if they did not have to be the ones to pay the deductible. There was conversation of possibly being reimbursed in the future if the question of access to the insurance funds became an issue. Flagg asked for a motion of support to move forward with paying the deductible.

Motion by McTaggart, supported by Wood to approve the insurance deductible payment of \$2,500 for the Gratitude sculpture replacement. Approve 7-0 (Flagg; Ligan; McTaggart; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler)

Nine Mile Corridor Update:

Paison and Bollin gave a short summary on the various enhancements occurring throughout the Nine Mile Corridor. Noted a number of new benches, dog treat stations, and bike repair stations installed recently. Also noted the handful of art pieces being worked on for future installation along both ends of the corridor.

Ligan asked about the bike repair station that was installed at the corner of 9 Mile and Evergreen, noting that it was supposed to be the future site of an art piece that is still to be determined. Bollin noted that the planning department paid for the station and the installation but that the site was a secondary site that was selected. Originally the desire was to have it installed closer to Bauervic Woods but noted that there was a plan in place from the Parks & Recreation Department to keep that area bare for the time being, barring future enhancements. He also noted that the department would investigate alternative options for the repair station once that site was developed further. Noted that the concrete pad could still be used for a bench if necessary.

Eleven Mile Obelisk Update:

Paison and Bollin gave a summary of the insurance process for the Obelisk replacement along 11 Mile. Currently still ongoing.

Monarch Butterfly Garden:

Paison and Bollin provided a short summary of the Monarch Butterfly Garden. They noted that the first phase of the garden planting would be taking place this fall with phase two following in the spring. A total of three phases is planned due to a rise in costs and will be completed in the following fiscal year.

Eight Mile Bridge Lighting:

Paison gave an update on the project, noting the significant cost of the project due to the lack of power being supplied to the bridge and the need for the lighting fixtures to be very durable due to the outside environment and location. Stated the Mayor is in the process of seeking additional funds.

Education & Outreach Program:

The idea of doing more outreach to the schools in the area to raise the profile of the arts in the community. Many board members stated their support of the idea. There was a discussion on reaching out to the superintendent and art teachers within the schools to gather support before reaching out and creating further programs.

The idea was also raised of creating a scholarship or grant program for local high school students who are interested in the arts. The board was supportive of the idea; however, McTaggart stated an unwillingness to support giving out money directly to students and would rather see the focus go towards implementing inclusive classes to all ages of kids. Many commission members stated they had no issue with it giving scholarship money out. The commission continued the discussion and stated a desire to reach out to the local school leaders and have a future discussion on the scholarship program and possibly establish a sub-committee to discuss eligibility requirements for the program by the next fiscal year.

G. Board Member Comments:

Pizana stated a desire to begin a mural program in the city. Bollin stated his willingness to work with him to help get it started.

Flagg stated a desire to begin outreach to different audiences for fundraising opportunities. She noted the value of the newly completed Barn on 12 Mile and the added value the venue brings as an opportunity for small fundraising events to be held there. She also noted the upcoming art exhibit installation that will be happening within the city offices. The exhibit will highlight 6 artists and will be installed on November 2nd, with a reception scheduled for November 9th at 6 p.m.

Beall noted the number of Halloween themed events occurring at the hospital including the Trunk or Treat and the Boo Bash.

H. Schedule Next Board Meeting:

(Typically, 3rd Tuesday Evenings TBD) Next meeting: **November 21, 2023**

I. Adjournment: 6:08 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Wood, supported by Milinsky. Approved 7-0, Flagg; Ligan; McTaggart; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler at 6:08 p.m.

Yvonne Milinsky, Secretary

Date

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