

Minutes of the Southfield Public Arts Commission Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
5:00 PM
Teleconference Call
Broadcast on Southfield Cable 15

Meeting called to order at 5:01 PM.

A. Roll Call:

Present: Flagg, Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky, Wood

Excused:

Absent: Barry, Goldstein, Pizana, Reid

Also Present: Kyle Bryce, City Liaison; Terry Croad, City Planner

Roll call determined that a quorum was present to conduct business.

B. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve Agenda by Milinsky, second by Ligan.

Approved 5-0, 5:06 PM.

C. Public Comment

The call-in number was provided via legal notice on the City website, and the Chair waited one minute after announcement of this agenda item due to transmission delay to Southfield Cable 15.

No public comment.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 21, 2021

Bryce noted that he had been contacted about two typos that are to be corrected.

Motion to approve September 21, 2021 meeting minutes, as amended, by Ligan, second Wood.

Approved 5-0, 5:09 PM.

E. Sub-Committee Reports:

I. Financial Report [Reid, Bryce]:

- FY 21/22 Monthly Status Report (July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021)
Bryce noted there was no change from last month's report.

II. Masterplan/Design/installation & Maintenance:

- Installations:
 - o Hubert Massey Update
Bryce reported that the triptychs are completed and there area has been restored. The date for the community build has been set for October 25th from 1-6 PM—the Commissioners have been invited.
 - o Solar lighting for *Diversity*
Bryce presented background on solar lighting for the roundabouts. Currently, there is one installed at *Gratitude*. Several Commissioners

noted that the *Gratitude* lighting looks good. Ligan noted the solar panel is a bit large but that the lighting is sufficient.

The quote for the installation of solar lighting at *Diversity* is \$5,983.00 by Eckler Electric, the same company that installed the lighting for *Gratitude*. This is higher than the price for *Gratitude*. Bryce asked the contractor for this reason and was told it is due to the increased costs of materials and an adjusted labor cost due to experience from working on *Gratitude*. Planner Croad recommended that the Commission authorize this quote with a 10% contingency.

**Motion to authorize quote from Eckler Electric to install solar lighting in the north roundabout at *Diversity* in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00 by McTaggart, second by Wood.
Approved 5-0, 5:25 PM.**

- Saarinen showcase
No update.
- Eastland Art discussion
Commissioner Ligan reported that he contacted Eastland Mall's current ownership and was told that the art is being relocated to local museums. Ligan let them know to keep us in the loop if any decisions change.

III. Fundraising (Strategies):

- Chair Flagg and Mayor Siver are working with John Osler to coordinate an art exhibit at City Hall.

IV. Education & Outreach Program:

- Public Art Criteria Discussion
Bryce and Planner Croad reviewed the City's Public Art Ordinance and detailed the definitions of art that qualify.
- Northland Art Review
Bryce reviewed the Northland art pieces that are still in storage: the Bertoia piece (not restored); *Laughing Elephant* (not restored); "Woman with Basket and Fish" (not restored); and the Morris Brose piece (restored).

Planner Croad noted that *Laughing Elephant* is planned to go back to Northland.

Bryce to reach out to Contour architect about coordinating leasing details.

- DIA: Inside|Out Installations
Bryce reported that the DIA's Inside|Out program is returning to Southfield. This interactive event consists of the installations of high-quality replicas of DIA art throughout area communities. Southfield is set to get six (6) installations. Bryce is to keep the Commissioners in the loop as this project develops.

Ligan noted that he believes the DIA has a Northland art piece: *The Cat and the Canary* by Arthur Kraft. It is stylistically related to *The Peacock* and may have been donated to the museum several decades ago. Ligan believes it has never been shown and is in storage; he will follow up to see if it can be brought back home to Southfield.

- MAP Tour recap
Planner Croad reviewed a recent tour he led for the Michigan Association of Planning along the Southfield City Centre Trail. The trail goes by several pieces of public art which were well received.

McTaggart made a recommendation that the Commission review locations for public art beyond the City Centre.

- Northland Groundbreaking recap
Bryce reviewed the Northland groundbreaking event. Notably, he was very pleased with many attendees' stories that fondly brought up Northland art.

F. Project Status Updates / Approvals:

- No update.

G. Board Member Comments:

- Flagg congratulated the Commissioners and Planning staff on all the accomplishments over the years. She stated that we need to expand the group's PR to give out more information.
- Flagg recognized Brian Craigo and other long-term members and is looking into options for a gift of recognition.
- McTaggart noted that the Moby-Dick garden is in full bloom and looks especially beautiful right now and recommended that the Commission and public visit.

H. Next Board Meeting:

- November 16, 2021, 5:00 PM (virtual)

I. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by McTaggart, second by Wood.

Approved 5-0, 6:14 PM.

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison