

Minutes of the Southfield Public Arts Commission Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2020
5:30 PM
Teleconference Call
Broadcast on Southfield Cable 15

Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM.

A. Roll Call:

Present: Barry (5:43 PM), Craigo, Flagg, Goldstein, Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky, Pizana
Absent: Reid

Also Present: Kenson Siver, Southfield Mayor; Kyle Bryce, City Liaison; Dave Ewick, City Librarian

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

B. Approval of Agenda:

**Motion to approve Agenda by McTaggart, second by Goldstein.
Approved 7-0, 5:34 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.

Resident Valerie Robinson called in to voice her support against the installation of the proposed obelisk in the Bell Road roundabout. Ms. Robinson also raised concerns about the methods used to contact local residents about the informational event of October 15 at Shaarey Zedek, and the difficulties and time constraints of registration for the event itself.

This prompted discussion about the informational event as well as the piece itself. Mayor Siver noted that the mailings had been delivered to the post office in late September and was disappointed to learn that several of them had been delivered as late as October 14. The event itself was compliant with social distancing, but had poor weather and a small turnout. Multiple residents spoke against the proposed installation of the piece at the event. Mayor Siver reported that, in general, he has received calls, emails and had conversations with individuals both for and against the piece. Mayor Siver recommended to the Commission that the obelisk be placed elsewhere, with final City Council approval.

Further discussion ensued regarding potential placement locations, the Commission's mission of placing art in the neighborhoods, and the viability of going forward with installation at the Bell Road roundabout. In the interest of time, Mayor Siver asked that the Commission email him potential alternate locations.

**Motion to withdraw the recommendation to place the Hubert Massey obelisk in the Bell Road roundabout by McTaggart, second by Ligan.
Approved 8-0, 6:25 PM.**

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 15, 2020

Motion to approve September 15, 2020 meeting minutes by Craigo, second by Barry.

Approved 7-0, 6:30 PM.

Barry abstained due to technical difficulties.

E. Sub-Committee Reports:

I. Financial Report [Reid, Bryce]:

- FY 20/21 Monthly Status Report (July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020)
Bryce reviewed the status report. There are no changes for this month.

II. Fundraising (Strategies):

- There are currently no funding initiatives due to COVID19.

III. Masterplan/Design/installation & Maintenance:

- Relocation of *City of Southfield* Plaque:
Bryce reported that the *City of Southfield* sculpture has been relocated to the front lawn of City Hall. He presented a quote from the sign contractor, Signgraphix, to relocate the plaque from its former location to the new installation site. This process involves moving the plaque itself, but also cutting the former post and fabricating a new one to be installed into the ground. Bryce also discussed the general installation location of the plaque and recommended it be placed on the sidewalk to east of the piece, so that viewers will read the plaque and look at the piece westwards.

**Motion to accept the quote for the relocation of the *City of Southfield* plaque in the amount of \$785.00 (to come from the -38180 “Special Projects & Professional Services” line item), and that the final plaque installation location will be determined by the subcommittee of McTaggart, Ligan and Barry, by McTaggart, second by Craigo.
Approved 8-0, 6:45 PM.**

- Hubert Massey update
Bryce reported that dates are being considered for the virtual town hall meeting for the community to learn about and discuss this project. The event is expected to occur in November. More information will be forthcoming.
- *Laughing Elephant* at Bauervic Woods Park
Bryce reported that the Northland redevelopment project has been delayed but that it is being brought to the Planning Commission during the month of October. Bryce expects new information at the next meeting.
- 2020/21 Project Installations Update
Bryce reported that the *Great Lakes* and *City of Southfield* have been installed.

Mayor Siver noted that *Lady in Waiting* is likely the next Northland art piece to be installed. It requires restoration and is recommended to be installed in the plaza behind City Hall.

Commissioner Craig reported that he is working with companies that offer specialized art showcases. His primary LTU contact is no longer at the school. Craig asked if the Commission was leaning towards working with LTU or one of the companies he is speaking with. There was general agreement on working with LTU.

IV. Education & Outreach Program:

- Chair Flagg noted that the subcommittee is working through the Art Guide. Craig, Goldstein and Milinsky all gave updates on the work. A finalized version is expected in the coming months.

F. Project Status Updates / Approvals:

- Bryce reported:
 - o *Gratitude* has been primed and is expected to be painted soon.
 - o The *Peacock* plaque is to be installed on the 21st.
 - o The *Motown Mural* plaques are to be installed on the 21st.
 - o The *Peace Poles* were recently installed at City Hall.

G. Board Member Comments:

- Flagg thanked the Commissioners for their assistance, noting those reviewing the Art Guide, and wished good health to Commissioner Goldstein.

H. Next Board Meeting:

- November 17, 2020, 5:30 PM.

I. Adjournment:

Motion by to adjourn by Goldstein, second by Craig.

Approved 7-0, 6:57 PM.

Barry abstained due to technical issues.

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison