

DRAFT-MINUTES - SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION BOARD MEETING

November 21, 2023

5:00 P.M.

Conference Room A, Southfield Pavilion

- A. Roll Call: Crum; Flagg; Goldstein; McTaggart; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler (Arrived 5:17)
Excused: Ligan, Jones, Milinsky, Thomas,**

5:05 p.m. Roll call determined that a quorum was present to conduct business.

Also Present: Ex-Officio Members: Mayor Siver, City Planner Croad, Planner Bollin; City Librarian Mary Beall.

Guests: Garret Mackay, Manda Moran, Vincent Orow, Tony Szafranski, Lois Teicher

- B. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Goldstein, supported by McTaggart. Approved 6-0.
(Crum, Flagg, Goldstein, McTaggart, Pizana, Wood)**

- C. Public comment (limited to three minutes/person):
No public comment**

- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2023: Receive & File
Motion by Wood, supported by McTaggart to approve the meeting minutes for October 17, 2023. Approved 7-0. (Crum, Flagg, Goldstein, McTaggart, Pizana, Wood)

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

- **Financial Report:** FY 23/24 Budget Review (through 10/31/23)

Motion by Pizana, supported by Crum to approve the FY23/24 Budget Review through 10/31/2023 as presented. Approved 6-0. (Crum, Flagg, Goldstein, McTaggart, Pizana, Wood).

- F. Presentations/Project Status Updates/Approvals:**

Beechwoods Mural Installation:

The mayor provided a summary of the project and explained the price for the installation of both panels quoted at \$13,832.00. He stated that he initially underquoted the cost of installation. The 18x21 panel needed to be printed on two separate panels to achieve the resolution needed for a high-quality image. Therefore, it needed to be printed onto two 18x21 panels and would need to be secured to the wall sufficiently to prevent accidents.

McTaggart asked if were possible to share the cost with another organization or department. The mayor said no, other departments were handling their own costs, mentioning the parks and recreation department is spending \$7 million dollars on the city's parks. He also stated that this was an Arts Commission initiated project and that this is one of the reasons the commission was created to help cover these types of costs.

Planner Croad stated that there were enough funds in the Commission's Special Projects budget to account for this cost and recommended using funds from that budgetary account.

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the installation cost and have it paid for from the Special Projects account recommended by Planner Croad.

Motion by Pizana, supported by Goldstein. Approved 6-0. (Crum, Flagg, Goldstein, McTaggart, Pizana, Wood)

- **Art Requirement Presentation: 24700 Northwestern Highway – proposed cube sculpture.**

Planner Bollin introduced the applicant and asked them to give a short presentation on their art piece.

Garrett MacKay of 1756 E Pike Valley Way presented an art piece designed by their companies IT administrator and a local manufacturer. He presented a 3D, stacked cube, metal structure with a proposed illumination feature.

Croad stated that the commercial project triggered the city's public art requirement of a piece worth up to \$25,000. Mr. MacKay said that the art structure was valued at \$35,000, therefore surpassing the city's requirement.

McTaggart stated his vote of approval. The rest of the commission members also stated support for the art piece presented.

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the presented art piece. Motion by McTaggart, supported by Pizana to approve the presented art piece for the property located at 24700 Northwestern Highway. Approved 6-0 (Crum, Flagg, Goldstein, McTaggart, Pizana, Siver, Wood)

Zeigler arrives at 5:17.

- **Art Requirement Presentation: 28844 Northwestern Highway - 3 proposed sculptures.**

Bollin introduced the applicant for the project located at 28844 Northwestern Highway and asked that they introduce themselves to the commission.

Vince Orow of 6340 St. Johns St, and his guest, Lois Teicher of 22667 Nona St presented 3 proposed scaled sculptures to go at the corner of 12 Mile and Northwestern Highway. He asked that the commission give a recommendation or indicate a preference for one of the three.

After a long discussion, the board gave its preference for the piece named, "Velocity" but ultimately left it up to the artist to decide.

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the art piece and leave the decision to the artist. Motion by McTaggart, supported by Goldstein. Approved 7-0 (Crum, Flagg, Goldstein, McTaggart, Pizana, Wood, Zeigler).

- **Replacement Plaque, Peacock: Approval for replacement signage by SignGraphix in the amount of \$1,165.00**

Croad gave a summary of the need for replacing the sign, noting that the adhesive that held the piece on that had held it in place for the last few years was also seen to be deteriorating due to outside factors, (passersby, weather, etc.)

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the cost of the replacement signage. Motion by Pizana, supported by Wood to approve the cost of replacing the signage for “Peacock”. Approved 7-0 (Crum, Flagg, Goldstein, McTaggart, Pizana, Wood, Zeigler).

- **Presentation by Mandy Moran, Sculptor and Photographer:**

Pizana introduced a fellow artist, Mandy Moran and noted their work together at the Cranbrook Academy.

Mandy Moran presented her work and also noted that she is the daughter of an artist who had created large metal structures that were originally placed in the Northland Mall when it first opened. She showed her idea for a public art feature along the future 9 Mile pathway, showing the commission a land enveloped piece with examples of native and invasive plants to help spread awareness.

The commission stated their support and extreme pleasure in possibly working with an artist with that level of history and connection with Southfield for a future piece.

- **Negaunee/8 Mile Road Mural: Update**

Bollin gave a short update on a mural project that was previously presented to the commission and updated them with an image of the finished project, noting its location at Negaunee and 8 Mile Rd.

- **9 Mile Corridor/Sebastian Sculpture:**

The mayor gave a short update on the fundraising status for the proposed Sebastian art piece that will be placed along 9 Mile Rd. Noting that the project is about 75% completely funded but also implored the commissioners to do their part in helping to raise funds.

- **“Brothers” & “The Key” update:**

Croad gave an update on the various stages of the two proposed art pieces. Stating that they are various stages of receiving the easement, insurance, engineering designs, and deposit paperwork

- **Maintenance & repair: Discussion**

- **Gratitude**

- **Etrog Sculpture**
- **11 Mile Obelisk**

Croad gave an update on the two of the art pieces, noting that Gratitude is in the process of finally being rebuilt and replaced with something similar. Also stating that the 11 Mile Obelisk is still going through the insurance claim process but that he had received recent quotes from the artist, which will help get things moving again.

McTaggart gave an update on the status of the Etrog sculpture and stated that the commission should look into options of restoring or moving the piece. He stated that he could work with a local metal worker to get an idea of the cost estimate and would have that for the commission at the next meeting.

- **Fundraising (Strategies): Scholarship/Grant – Sub-Committee Discussion**

Bollin gave a quick update to follow up from the commissions previous meeting to see if the commission would like to form a formal subcommittee to explore starting a scholarship and grant program sponsored by the Arts Commission.

Flagg stated that while she supports the idea, she would like to have the full commission present in order to discuss it.

- **Mural Program – Sub-Committee Discussion**

Bollin gave an update and informed the committee that he and Pizana were beginning to work on a city-wide mural program, although, he highlighted that it was still in the very early stages but would need support from the city at large as well as the business community to be successful. He mentioned Detroit's City Walls Program as something to possibly emulate as a successful model.

- **Education & Outreach Program: School outreach/coordination**

Flagg spoke about wanting to reach out to the school in order to better coordinate future art projects and shows with the students at local schools. Mentioned that COVID and staff turnover has helped contribute to the decline in school collaboration.

G. Board Member Comments:

Flagg stated her need for the members of the Arts Commission to include themselves in certain events held or sponsored by the commission moving forward. Noting that only a few are ever available for events like the Art Gallery that is held on the City Campus.

Several members stated that they would like to see a list of needed requirements for events in order to better coordinate and understand the roles that are needed and reduce any stress that is felt from events.

H. Schedule Next Board Meeting: (Typically 3rd Tuesday Evenings TBD):
Next meeting: **January 16, 2023.**

Motion by Woods, supported by Zilinsky. Approved 7-0 (Crum, Flagg, Goldstein, McTaggart, Pizana, Wood, Zeigler).

Motion to adjourn by Goldstein supported by Crum.

I. Adjournment: 6:53p.m.

Yvonne Milinsky, Secretary

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