

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

Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM.

A. Roll Call:

Present: Flagg, Goldstein, Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky

Excused: Craig

Absent: Barry, Pizana, Reid

Also Present: Kenson Siver, Southfield Mayor; Kyle Bryce, City Liaison; Dave Ewick, City Librarian; Terry Croad, Director of Planning

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 5-0, 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.

No public comment.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 20, 2020

**Motion to approve October 20, 2020 meeting minutes by Ligan, second by Milinsky.
Approved 5-0, 5:37 PM.**

E. Sub-Committee Reports:

I. **Financial Report [Reid, Bryce]:**

- FY 20/21 Monthly Status Report (July 1, 2020 – November 30, 2020)
Bryce reviewed the status report. He noted several payables that had been processed.

II. **Fundraising (Strategies):**

- Chair Flagg and Mayor Siver discussed the Mayor's recent email fundraiser. They were pleased to note it raised \$7,225. Further, the Mayor applied for and received a grant from Oakland County in the amount of \$30,000 for public art placemaking. Both funds are to be used for the Dr. Hubert Massey obelisk project.

III. **Masterplan/Design/installation & Maintenance:**

- Hubert Massey update
Bryce and Director of Planning Terry Croad discussed the successful Town Hall/Meet the Artist event on November 19, 2020. LTU officials, local residents, and SPAC members attended. Dr. Massey discussed himself and his projects, and provided several questions to better understand Southfield culture. This info will be used to make the mural design for the triptychs. A second Town Hall meeting will be held—construction for the project is expected in 2021.

Mayor Siver discussed the additional Massey piece: the Obelisk. The proposed installation site has been moved from the Bell Road roundabout to the start of the median on Evergreen Road, just north of Winchester St. Mayor Siver is in talks with and has received support from local neighborhood organizations.

- *Laughing Elephant* at Bauervic Woods Park
Bryce reported that the City Council recently approved the overlay development district rezoning and master development plan by Contour for the Northland area. Croad is in discussions with Contour to bring the *Laughing Elephant* back to the site.

Ligan was impressed with Contour’s plan and recommended that the Bertoia piece be incorporated. The Bertoia foundation has confirmed the piece could be used outdoors.

With respect to Bauervic Woods, Croad noted that City Administration has received a grant to install a shared-use pathway along the southside of W. 9 Mile Road in front of the park.

- 2020/21 Project Installations Update
Lady in Waiting is undergoing restoration.
- LTU Murals
Bryce reported that the designs for the LTU Pathway barrier wall murals have been submitted and OK’d by LTU. He provided an outline of the project and showed the designs.

IV. Education & Outreach Program:

- Bryce noted that, in addition to several minor edits throughout the guide, the vision/goals section has been updated, and that a new preface outlining the Commission’s history has been added. The Subcommittee is reviewing a new draft.

F. Project Status Updates / Approvals:

- Bryce reported the *City of Southfield* plaque has been installed.
- Bryce presented the proposed 2021 SPAC meeting schedule. City Planner Croad noted that the January and February dates are in conflict—due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and President’s Day, respectively, the Southfield City Council will instead meet on Tuesday, the same day/time as SPAC. Due

to COVID and online meetings, Cable 15 can only show one meeting at a time. Discussion ensued. The consensus was to move the January and February meetings to the fourth Tuesday of the month.

**Motion to approve the 2021 SPAC Meeting Calendar, as amended, by Milinsky, second by McTaggart.
Approved 5-0, 6:25 PM.**

G. Board Member Comments:

- City Library Dave Ewick noted that Amazon is moving to the Detroit fairgrounds and that the future of the historic bandshell is in jeopardy. He noted that it would be a great idea to relocate it to Southfield.

- Chair Flagg congratulated Planner Croad and the City Council for Red Pole Park's award-winning submission to the MI ASLA. Terry discussed the award and gave thanks to everyone involved.

- Chair Flagg recognized the challenging year everyone has been through and wished a happy holiday season to all.

H. Next Board Meeting:

- January 26, 2021, 5:30 PM.

I. Adjournment:

**Motion by to adjourn by Goldstein, second by McTaggart.
Approved 5-0, 6:35 PM.**

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison