

Minutes of the Southfield Public Arts Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2020
5:30 PM
Conference Room A – Public Services Building

Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM.

A. Roll Call:

Present: Barry, Craigo, Kashdan, Ligan, McTaggart, Reid

Absent: Pizana

Excused: Flagg, Goldstein, Milinsky

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

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

B. Approval of Agenda:

Bryce asked that the agenda be amended to include discussion items for the Bertoia piece and recent project updates.

**Motion to approve Agenda, as amended, by Kashdan, second by Ligan.
Approved 6-0, 5:35 PM.**

C. Public Comment

None.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 21, 2020

**Motion to approve January 21, 2020 meeting minutes by Reid, second by Barry.
Approved 6-0, 5:36 PM.**

E. Sub-Committee Reports:

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

- FY 2019-20 [July 1, 2019 – January 31, 2020].
Reid reviewed the latest financial report.

II. **Fundraising (Strategies):**

- Bryce stated that the Brooks Barn still has to finalize work to receive their Certificate of Occupancy. Small fundraising events there are forthcoming.

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

- *Ying-Yang* [Barry]: This piece is being sandblasted. Barry has been able to match the colors for repainting.
- Saarinen Figures [Craigo]: Craigo sent images of inspiration for LTU cabinetry to Bryce for distribution.
- *Motown Mural* [Croad]: The original artist will be working with the Mayor to restore some of the panels for future installation in the Southfield Pavilion.

- Hubert Massey [Croad]: Croad and Bryce met with Spackman, Mossop and Michaels (SMM), landscape architects, and Mr. Massey to begin a concept design for the LTU pathway. SMM has worked with Massey previously. The initial concept design is a series of monoliths along the pathway berm that will feature Massey-designed mosaics. The project is proposed to be designed in a way that will control the budget and allow it to grow in accordance with funding. Concrete designs are expected for the March or April meeting.
- *City of Southfield* relocation [Barry/McTaggart]: Bryce to follow up with City Engineer regarding utility locations. Croad noted a large gas main that goes through campus. Discussion regarding the concrete pad and landscaping. This item, along with *Ying-Yang*, the Saarinen figures, *Motown Mural*, and Massey's LTU piece are to be brought to City Council for approval in March or April.
- Bertoia [Ligan]: Ligan discussed the future of the Bertoia piece: the previous proposal to restore and sell is not likely. Ligan stated this is a landmark piece that should be restored and installed in the city. Discussion continued regarding potential placement (such as part of EverCentre development), the type of structure needed to secure it, and who, locally, could restore it. Ligan noted that per the Bertoia Foundation, while Bertoia did not name his pieces, Southfield's piece was known as *Constellation* during its creation.

Motion to redirect the Commission's focus on the Bertoia piece (*Constellation*) away from selling and towards restoration and installation in the City of Southfield by Ligan, second by Kashdan.

**Motion to postpone Ligan's above motion to the March Southfield Public Arts Commission meeting by Barry, second by Reid.
Approved 6-0, 6:31 PM.**

IV. Education & Outreach Program:

- Juneteenth 2020 [Flagg]: Further information forthcoming.
- The Southfield Public Arts Commission website (www.southfieldpublicarts.com) is active. Bryce requested reimbursement of \$216.00 for Commissioner Pizana who paid for one year's website costs.

**Motion to reimburse Commissioner Pizana in the amount of \$216.00 for one year's website hosting costs of the Southfield Public Arts website, with funds to come from account -27400, Operating Expenses and Supplies by Reid, second by Craigo.
Approved 6-0.**

G. Project Status Updates:

- Bryce shared news on the installation of the horse sculpture at 26400 Telegraph and wayfinding signage and artwork in the Centrepolis smart zone.
- Croad shared Hickory, NC's art walk guide. Bryce to follow up on future production of Southfield Art Guide.

H. Board Member Comments:

- Reid noted Hickory, NC's art guide collected their art into themed groups and suggested Southfield explore something similar (e.g. the library currently features several animal sculptures).
- Reid presented information on the Southfield/Lathrup Crop Hunger Walk at LTU on March, 28, 2020.
- Reid presented information on the 2020 Census and passed out materials.

I. Next Board Meeting:

- March 17, 2020, 5:30 PM.

J. Adjournment:

**Motion by to adjourn by Barry, second by Ligan.
Approved 6-0, 6:56 PM.**

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison