

**Minutes of the Southfield Public Arts Commission Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 23, 2021**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Teleconference Call**  
**Broadcast on Southfield Cable 15**

**Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM.**

**A. Roll Call:**

Present: Craig, Flagg, Goldstein, Ligan, McTaggart (5:08 PM), Milinsky, Pizana, Reid (? PM)

Excused:

Absent: Barry

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:**

Bryce requested to move the "Central Park Blvd. art: *Striving*" agenda item to immediately after the Public Art Requirement agenda item.

**Motion to approve Agenda, as amended, by Craig, second by Goldstein.  
Approved 6-0, 5:07 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: January 26, 2021**

**Motion to approve January 26, 2021 meeting minutes by Milinsky, second by Ligan.  
Approved 7-0, 5:10 PM.**

**E. Sub-Committee Reports:**

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

- FY 20/21 Monthly Status Report (July 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021)  
Bryce reviewed the status report. No changes since previous month.

II. **Fundraising (Strategies):**

- Mayor Siver reported the Friends of Southfield Public Art received a donation from Comcast.

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

- Public Art Requirement:

- PSP19-0012: Mapletree Apartments (28509 Franklin Rd.)  
Bryce presented an overview of the site plan that was approved by the Southfield City Council. Bryce briefly presented Mapletree Apartment's proposal for public art: a public benefit installation of a pedestrian plaza of benches, trees and ornamental grasses in the right-of-way adjacent to their property. Bryce noted that this item was not acted upon at the previous meeting, and that the applicant met with the Planning Department to redesign the project. The new design features a curved shape to reflect the adjacent roadway, and provides a small pedestrian plaza area. Bryce introduced the applicant, Roger Sherr, to discuss the project further and to invite questions from the Commissioners.

Craig noted that the proposal is in conformance with the requirements of the Public Art Ordinance. Planner Croad reported that Commissioner Barry had sent a sketch of a pedestrian plaza design that coincidentally was very similar to the current proposal.

**Motion to approve Public Art Requirement of PSP19-0012 by Craig, second by Milinsky.  
Approved 7-0, 5:31 PM**

- Central Park Blvd. art: *Striving*  
Planner Croad presented a proposed public art sculpture to be located at the Central Park Boulevard Plaza. This plaza was installed in the early 1990s, and several members of the City Centre Advisory Board noted in their recent visioning session that the plaza was tired and outdated and needed something new. Planner Croad worked with a sign designer/fabricator, Signgraphix, to develop a design titled *Striving*. It consists of seven rainbow-colored curved strands rising from the ground in a circular pattern. The piece is to be funded by the City Centre Advisory Board, but Planner Croad asked for a formal recommendation from the Arts Commission.

**Motion to endorse the design and placement of *Striving* at Central Park Boulevard Plaza by McTaggart, second by Ligan.  
Approved 7-0, 5:35 PM.**

- 2021 Master Plan Visioning and Arts Commission questions to be added to Master Plan public discussion

Bryce reviewed the results of the previous meeting's visioning session. He requested that any additional thoughts or ideas be sent to him directly.

- Installations:

- *Yin Yang* Lighting

Mayor Siver presented that MDOT is not supportive of providing access to lighting for this site. Siver to try discussing with DTE. Solar power is not feasible at the site due to mature tree canopy.

- Roundabouts Lighting  
Planner Croad presented a quote from a City-approved electrician to provide lighting for the artwork at each roundabout on Evergreen Rd. The proposal is to install solar powered floodlights—specifications and quote were included in the agenda packet. Discussion ensued. Planner Croad recommended to start with one roundabout and evaluate from there; he also suggested authorizing no more than \$4,000 for this project (the total quote was approximately \$7,100 for both and did not include concrete work). Commissioner Craig recommended installing at *Gratitude* first because of its recent restoration.

**Motion to authorize not more than \$4,000 to install solar power and floodlights at *Gratitude* roundabout by McTaggart, second by Ligan.**

**Approved 8-0, 5:57 PM.**

- *Lady in Waiting*  
This piece was successfully installed in the City Hall Plaza. A crane was used due to the pavers on the plaza. Bryce to move forward with preparing design and quote for the informational plaque. Many aspects of the piece (true name, artist, etc.) are currently unknown, and substantial research has not yielded any results.

**Motion to move forward with preparing informational plaque by Ligan, second by Goldstein.**

**Approved 8-0, 6:08 PM.**

- Library Donor Plaque  
Mayor Siver is working on a plaque to be placed in the library atrium to recognize major donors for the Free the Bear campaign.
- Hubert Massey Update  
Mayor Siver presented a revised location for the Hubert Massey Obelisk: the landscaped area where 11 Mile Rd splits due to I-696. The Evergreen Road median location was not feasible due to significant underground utilities. Siver, Croad, and Bryce to coordinate to plan Town Hall Meeting for both Massey projects.
- 2021 Project Installations  
*Great Lakes* animals are restored, but there is no showcase. Siver to explore using former jewelry cases from Northland Mall.

IV. Education & Outreach Program:

- Bryce and Chair Flagg discussed changes to the Art Guide.

F. Project Status Updates / Approvals:

- No update.

G. Board Member Comments:

- Bryce reminded the Commissioners of the ongoing Master Plan public input sessions.

H. Next Board Meeting:

- Bryce acknowledged the challenges that the cutoff time, due to the ZBA Meeting airing on Cable 15 at 7:00 PM, has caused. Two meetings have been cut off early, and others have felt rushed. With this in mind, the February meeting was advertised for 5:00 PM. Bryce recommended that this change be made permanent for the remainder of the year to provide additional meeting time. The Commission can revise its meeting time again when face-to-face meetings resume.

**Motion to amend the regular meeting time of the Southfield Public Arts Commission to 5:00 PM by Craigo, second by Milinsky.  
Approved 8-0, 6:39 PM.**

- March 16, 2021, 5:00 PM.

I. Adjournment:

**Motion by to adjourn by Reid, second by Goldstein.  
Approved 8-0, 6:40 PM.**

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison