

Minutes of the Southfield Public Arts Commission

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

5:00P.M.

Room 115, Parks and Recreation Building

Meeting called to order at 5:01pm by Chairwoman Delores Flagg

A . Roll Call: Present: Flagg, Milinsky, Goldstein, Ligan, McTaggart and Wood
Absent: Reid, White, Barry, Pizana

Also Present: Mayor Siver, City Administrator Zorn

B . Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by McTaggart; supported by Wood to approve Agenda as presented.

C . Public Comment: No public comment

D . Announcements from Mayor Siver:

- I. Showcases for Beechwood Rec Center to house the Saarinen figures are in.
- II. Upcoming meeting with Parks & Rec Board, Wed. March 23rd@ 5:30 to discuss the competition for the murals for Beech Woods Rec Center. McTaggart is heading up the effort. A panel of judges on entries will be made up of Public Art and Parks & Rec commissioners. Prize for winning murals could be \$5000.
- III. Southfield and Oak Park won an award in the amount of \$22,500 for an art installation at Eight Mile & Greenfield from the Eight Mile Boulevard Assn.
- IV. Bid to repair the Harry Bertoia sculpture is \$52,581.20 from Flatlanders of Blissfield, MI

Motion to expend \$52,581.20 for restoration for the Bertoia from the 1% art fund To Flatlanders Midwest Sculpture Initiative. Moved by McTaggart; seconded by Ligan. Motion approved

E . Nine Mile Road Bus Tour:

Meeting recessed for a bus tour of Nine Mile Road arranged by Mayor Siver to view potential sites for public art as well as place making pieces. Tour included viewing installations in Oak Park and Ferndale.

Tour began at Bauervic Park to determine relocation of existing sculpture **Two Friends** by Karl Reid. Agreed placement that new location be north of the park sign (closer to Nine Mile)'

Possible sites for art or placemaking installations: Grassy area across from the gas station at south bound Northwestern Service Drive; in front of the Epicenter and Kenmar buildings at Nine Mile and Southfield Freeway. Ammar Tank, principal of these building met with commissioners to express his support.

Other potential locations are at Providence Hospital, Providence Drive & Nine Mile, Adona apartments and Advance Building. Of particular concern was replacing the "Southfield City Limits" and "No Overnight Parking" signs with an artful Welcome to Southfield sign.

Noted on the tour were elements of placemaking and art in Oak Park and Ferndale. In particular, the commission noted the new Oak Park Trailhead, trail, bioswales/rain gardens and recreational play equipment, plus the decorative oversized flowers. Oak Park through a TAP grant turned an ugly, poorly drained, plain landscape into an attraction.

F . Next Meeting: April 19, 2022, 5 P.M., Room 115, Parks & Recreation Building

G . Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm