

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION / March 19, 2019

Meeting called to order 5:32 PM

A. Roll Call:

Present: Barry, Craigo, Flagg, Kashdan (5:38 PM), Ligan, Milinsky, Pizana, Reid (6:01 PM)

Absent:

Excused: Goldstein, McTaggart, Pixley,

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

B. Approval of Agenda:

Bryce noted that the date for the agenda was incorrect. Correction should be: March 19, 2019.

Motion to approve Agenda, as amended, by Barry, second by Ligan.

Approved 6-0, 5:33 PM

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 15, 2019

Motion to approve January 15, 2019 meeting minutes by Ligan, second by Pizana.

Approved 6-0, 5:34 PM

D. Sub-Committee Reports:

I. Financial Report [Reid, Bryce]:

- FY 2018/2019 [July 1 2017 – February 28, 2019] reviewed. No change in budget since last meeting. Reassessment of current balance of Public Art Fund.

Siver reported that, for the Friends, it has been slow going but a continuing process to receive library funding.

II. Masterplan/Design/installation & Maintenance:

- Brose [Bryce/Siver ]: Veoneer building is now open. However, the Veoneer point of contact for the Brose piece is no longer at the company. Siver awaits new point of contact and update re: status of proposed contract.

Bryce received a quote from Davidii Antiques Restoration of Farmington Hills for a complete restoration of the piece with options for a partial or full restoration with a pickup/delivery fee. Siver endorsed the full restoration after his inspection of the piece.

Motion to approve expenditure of \$2,100.00 (funding to come from the Friends of Southfield Public Art) for the full restoration of the Brose piece via Davidiii Antiques Restoration, by Ligan, support by Kashdan. Approved 7-0, 5:42 PM.

- *Laughing Elephant* [Siver]: The City Council approved the lease of this piece to Najor Companies for placement at the Advance Building site at their 3.18.2019 regular meeting. Lease terms are the same as *The Crowd*, with \$3,500.00 per year for five (5) years with options for future renewal. Najor Companies to cover the cost of moving and installation.
- *City of Southfield* and *Falling Icarus* [Croad]: Croad presented the plaque and quote for both *City of Southfield* and *Falling Icarus*. Both pieces have been existing on the municipal campus for quite some time, and both lack the standardized SPAC plaque. *Falling Icarus'* plaque to be wall-mounted like *The Crowd*. Discussion re: identifying "artist" on the plaques; Bryce to revise and resubmit before final submittal to manufacturer.

Motion to approve expenditure of \$2,786.00 from the public art fund for the design, fabrication and installation of plaques for *City of Southfield* and *Falling Icarus*, by Kashdan, second by Pizana. Approved 7-0.

- Evaluation of current condition of Northland Collection [Barry/McTaggart]: Barry, McTaggart and Ligan met with Bryce at storage location to review status of remaining Northland art pieces. They took inventory of the Saarninen pieces, reviewed the Bridge, reviewed the *Woman with Basket* and its internal pumping mechanism, and reviewed the totem pole. Bryce and Ewick to continue planning for installation of Bridge in the library. Saarinen pieces have been logged. *Woman with Basket* will likely be costly restoration due to internal components intended for fountain usage. Totem pole is in poor condition.
- *Moby-Dick* [Siver]: Moby is installed. Future demolition of the lagoon is upcoming. Siver to continue seeking donations for the project and additional resources for landscaping and cement.
- *Pegasus Flight* [Bryce]: Croad has been in contact with restorers and anticipates response re: project timeline soon. Noted that current project before Planning Commission is in vicinity of designated installation location, and that development of that project and its restoration of adjacent natural wetlands may impact anticipated installation of *Pegasus Flight*.

- Saarinen Figures [Siver]: Carol Forsyth has been working to restore one (1) of the Saarninen figures as a test. Siver shared positive results. Work is painstaking and takes time.
- *Peacock* [Ligan/Bryce]: Landscaping for *Peacock* is out to bid.
- *Motown Mural* [Barry]: Motown Museum is not interested in this piece. Discussion re: potential locations for installation.
- Bertoia [Ligan]: Existing contact at Los Angeles Modern Auctions (LAMA) has had health issues. Ligan to continue discussions. SPAC wishes good health.
- Red Pole Park [Croad]: Blue lights have been installed atop the poles as a nighttime element.

### III. Education & Outreach Program:

- Southfield City Centre Trail Map & Brochure: Croad presented the first edition of the Southfield City Centre Trail Map. The map shows current and upcoming shared-use pathways that create a trail network of over 7 miles.
- Final design of Southfield Art Walk is upcoming.
- P&R Guided walk: P&R is planning upcoming guided tours of Southfield artwalk.
- Webiste: Pizana is working on website for SPAC. He has created an Instagram which is gaining followers.

### IV. Fundraising (Strategies)

- Siver has proposed an event at the unveiling of the future completed *Moby-Dick* fountain. This may coincide with a general art celebration.
- Summer barn event: Planning Department is currently going through new ordinance to permit small event venues. When completed, and when the barn has Certificate of Occupancy, Siver would like to host a summer event.

E. Project Status Updates:

F. Board Member Comments:

G. Next Board Meeting: April 16, 2018 5:30 PM.

H. Adjournment: Motion by Kashdan to adjourn, second by Reid.  
Approved 8-0, 7:07 PM.

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison