

MINUTES SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

5:00 P.M.

Southfield Municipal Campus

Conference Room A

26000 Evergreen Road

APPROVED 5/20/25

A. Roll Call: (Crum; Flagg; Goldstein; Hill – Ross; Ligan; Milinsky; Wood; Vacant)

Absent: Jones, Pizana, Williams

Excused:

Also present: Beall, Bollin, Croad, Jay Jurma, Nadine Chronopoulos, Linessa Freeman, Joel Milinsky, Diego Fraustro

B. Approval of Agenda:

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Goldstein, supported by Wood to approve the agenda. Approved 7-0 (Crum; Flagg; Goldstein; Hill – Ross; Ligan; Milinsky; Wood)

C. Public comment (limited to three minutes/person): No public comment.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2025: Receive & File

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 18, 2025.

Motion by Milinsky, supported by Ligan to approve the meeting minutes from March 18, 2025. Approved 7-0 (Crum; Flagg; Goldstein; Hill – Ross; Ligan; Milinsky; Wood)

E. Sub-Committees Reports: (Master Plan: Fundraising, Education & Outreach)

- **Financial Report:**

- FY 24/25 Budget Review (through 3/31/25)

Croad gave a summary of the budget status through March 31st.

Siver gave an update on the status of the Sebastian sculpture and noted that there were increased costs with the project as well. Siver, asked Croad if the funds from the Trust & Agency Fund were in a separate account and had been transferred to the Arts Commission (\$14,257.83) that was recently approved by Council (September 30, 2024), Croad asked the Commission to approve the transfer of funds to be allocated to the Sebastian sculpture, requesting the \$14,257.83 go towards the Sebastian sculpture and that the line item of \$75,000 budget to be amended to include the additional funds.

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the transfer of \$14,257.83 and allocate the funds to the Sebastian sculpture project.

Motion by Wood, supported by Milinsky, to approve the transfer of \$14,258 to be used for the Sebastian sculpture project. Approved 7-0 (Crum; Flagg; Goldstein; Hill – Ross; Ligan; Milinsky; Wood)

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the financial report through March 31, 2025.

Motion by Wood, supported by Goldstein to approve the financial report through March 31, 2025, as amended. Approved 7-0. (Crum; Flagg; Goldstein; Hill – Ross; Ligan; Milinsky; Wood)

- **FY25/26 Budget Discussion:**

Croad gave a short summary of the budget status for next year and noted that the restoration amount that was originally quoted for the Etrog sculpture was more extensive than previously thought and therefore would require additional funding to continue the project.

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the restoration amount for the Etrog Sculpture Restoration (Part-B), not to exceed \$20,000.

Motion by Hill-Ross, supported by Ligan to approve the increased restoration cost for the Etrog Sculpture Restoration (Part-B), not to exceed \$20,000. Approved 7-0 (Crum; Flagg; Goldstein; Hill – Ross; Ligan; Milinsky; Wood)

Croad asked the commissioners for their budget priorities for the next fiscal year in order to help finalize a budget for FY25-26.

Flagg stated her priorities would be the continuation and growth of the art exhibits in the foyer as well as the Sebastian sculpture. She emphasized the need to follow through with the Sebastian sculpture as a priority. She also stated that exhibits and collaboration with art teachers in Southfield is also significant.

Lillian stated the Sebastian sculpture as a priority and connection with schools (children & parents).

Wood and Goldstein stated that outreach and community education is significant, and reaching out to other groups should be a priority.

Milinsky stated The Sebastian sculpture, art exhibits & murals incentive.

Ligan stated that the remaining inventory from Northland should be a priority to begin restoration and placement.

Hill-Ross stated the Sebastian sculpture, maintenance of existing Art and that fundraising events (Film Festival), should be another area of focus.

Croad stated that more funds are needed for on-going maintenance.

F. Presentations/Project Status Updates/Approvals:

- **Etrog Restoration: Update and Presentation – GLYPTON, LLC**

Members from Glypton, LLC spoke about the restoration of the Etrog sculpture and stated that the damage was more extensive than initially thought and would require more work.

- **Wildlife Commission – Logo Design Discussion & Approval:**

Members of the Wildlife Commission Linessa Freeman & Joel Milinsky explained that they would be looking to design a logo and asked the commission for input as judges.

- **DIA Partners in Public Art (PIPA): Update**

Bollin and Croad gave an update on the DIA Mural project and stated that an artist was selected and currently in talks with the DIA on working on the project.

- **Sebastian Sculpture: Update**

Siver explained the increased cost of the project and transportation cost of the project.

- **Bertoia – Funding: Update**

Siver updated the commission on the final status of the Bertoia sale and how the money would be allocated from the Community Foundation. Interest on the \$500,000 would be available for use by the Public Art's Commission.

- **11 Mile Obelisk Repair: Update**

Croad stated that the 11 Mile Obelisk was due to be installed in the next few weeks.

- **Art Guide/Inventory Sheets: Sub-Committee Update**

Flagg noted that the sub-committee recently met and had come up with some areas to add within the Art Guide.

Bollin mentioned Google Maps would be updated with the Southfield art similar to Meijer Gardens.

- **Patronicity: Let There Be Light Campaign (March 24, 2025)**

Siver noted that the Let There Be Light Campaign was recently launched and would need to reach \$50k in order to receive the matching funds.

- **Fundraising (Strategies): 2025 Fashion Show (May 16, 2025)**

Siver noted the upcoming Fashion Show and that actress Selma Blair, originally from Southfield, would be an honorary guest.

G. Board Member Comments:

Lagan discussed Terry Stern, Art Appraiser.

Motion by Goldstein, supported by Wood, to adjourn the meeting. Approved 7-0. (Crum; Flagg; Goldstein; Hill – Ross; Ligan; Milinsky; Wood)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:03 p.m.

Note: Next Commission Meeting: June 17, 2025. Conference Room A, unless otherwise posted

Lilian Crum, Secretary

Date

5/20/25 Motion by Goldstein Supported by Pizana to approve the meeting minutes for April 15, 2025, Approved 6-0, (Flagg, Goldstein, Hill-Ross, Jones, Ligan, Pizana