

**Minutes of the Southfield Public Arts Commission Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Conference Room A – Public Services Building**

**Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.**

**A. Roll Call:**

Present: Barry, Craigo, Flagg, Goldstein, Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky, Pixley (5:33 PM),  
Reid (5:32 PM)

Absent: Pizana

Excused: Kashdan

Also Present: Kyle Bryce, City Liaison; Kenson Siver, Southfield Mayor; Dave Ewick,  
City Librarian; Cathy Fresia, Parks and Recreation

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

**A recess was called to conduct a brief meeting of the Friends of Southfield Public Art.**

**Motion for recess by Goldstein, supported by Craigo.**

**Approved 8-0, 5:32 PM.**

**The meeting resumed at the behest of the Chair at 5:38 PM.**

**B. Approval of Agenda:**

Bryce requested that the agenda be amended to move the Art Walk provision up to be the first item of the Sub-Committee Reports.

**Motion to approve Agenda, as amended, by Ligan, second by Craigo.**

**Approved 9-0, 5:39 PM.**

**C. Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 19, 2019.**

**Motion to approve March 19, 2019 meeting minutes by Ligan, second by Craigo.**

**Approved 9-0, 5:40 PM.**

**D. Sub-Committee Reports:**

**I. Education & Outreach Program:**

- Cathy Fresia, of Southfield Parks and Recreation (P&R), discussed upcoming P&R walks that occur every Tuesday from May through October. The last two walks in May will look at campus art and Red Pole Park. Bryce to submit information to Ms. Fresia on art.

Ms. Fresia excused herself.

**II. 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.

III. Masterplan/Design/installation & Maintenance:

- Brose [Bryce/Siver ]: The piece was picked up by Daviddii Antiques Restoration. Mayor's contact at Veoneer is no longer working there; Mayor to continue searching for new contact to continue negotiations for placement.
- *Laughing Elephant* [Siver]: Although Council has approved the lease, leasee has been slow to finalize agreement. Mayor to continue.
- *Pegasus Flight* [Bryce]: Bryce anticipates delivery of figures to be returned by the end of April.
- *Peacock* [Ligan/Bryce]: Bryce reported on the received landscaping bids for the *Peacock's* base. Brilar of Oak Park, MI had the lowest bid and has been evaluated by Planning Dept.

**Motion to accept Brilar's bid in the amount of \$1,492.28 (expenditures to come from public art funds) made by Ligan, second by Craigo.  
Approved 9-0, 6:02 PM.**

- Saarinen Figures [Siver]: The bear figure has been restored by Carol Forsyth. Mayor hoped she could attend tonight but she was unable.

IV. Education & Outreach Program, cont.:

- Flagg attended municipal art group at Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) and met with members of other municipal art commissions. She shared a positive experience and stated interactive exhibits were an important focus. Noted that Kraft's *Cat and Canary* is owned by DIA.
- Art Walk has been updated with new *Moby-Dick* photo.
- Website: No report.
- *Moby-Dick* celebration: No report.

V. Fundraising (Strategies)

- Pixley is evaluating existing stock of materials and drafting letter for future mass mailing.
- Flagg is continuing to work to put commissioners on Southfield Cable.

E. Project Status Updates:

- Continuing last month's discussion on the format of the art identification plaques, the commissioners discussed adding the word "Artist:" to the plaque to formally identify the artist's name.

**Motion to amend future and awaiting installation standardized art identification plaques to add "Artist:" before the artist's name by Barry, second by Pixley.  
Denied 2-7, 6:21 PM.**

**Motion to keep art identification plaque format as is by McTaggart, second by Craigo.  
Approved 7-0, 6:24 PM.  
Barry and Pixley abstained.**

F. Board Member Comments:

- Because there were members of the public present and there is no place on the agenda for public comment, the Chair invited public comments.
- Pamela Gerald of Southfield, Michigan spoke about the necessity of representation in the City's art that is reflective of the City's demographic makeup. Ms. Gerald implored the Commission to consider procuring and installing more African-American art.
- The Commission discussed adding a regular public comment section to the agenda.

**Motion to add regular public comment section to the agenda with a speaking time limit of three (3) minutes by Reid, second by Barry.  
Approved 9-0, 6:41 PM.**

- Reid discussed the City's Art Prize, requested that it be added to next month's agenda, and stated his need for business cards. General discussion regarding business cards and who needs additional.

G. Next Board Meeting:  
May 21, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

H. Adjournment:

**Motion by Goldstein to adjourn, second by Reid.  
Approved 9-0, 6:50 PM.**

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison