

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION / April 17, 2018

Meeting called to order 5:32 PM

A. Roll Call:

Present: Craig, Flagg, Goldstein, Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky, Reid (5:35 PM)

Absent: Barry, Pizana

Excused: Kashdan

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

No volunteers to fill vacant Secretary of the Commission report.

B. Approval of Agenda:

Discussion on whether revised agenda had been set up, Bryce responded that this was the original and no changes had been made.

Motion to approve Revised Agenda by McTaggart, second by Craig.

Approved 7-0, 5:35 PM

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2018

Motion to approve by McTaggart, second by Ligan.

Approved 7-0, 5:36 PM

D. Sub-Committee Reports:

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

- FY 2017/2018 [July 1 2017 – March 30, 2018] reviewed. Payments for Etrog and Crowd have been completed. The invoices for the plaques for *Prophet* and *The Crowd* were up for discussion (both from Northland fund). The plaque for *Pioneer Family II* has been installed—this item has already been allocated and will be paid.

Motion to approve, Reid, second by Milinsky. Approved 7-0, 6:03 PM

- INVOICES:

- o *Prophet*: \$1,493.00 for creation of SPAC-standardized recognition plaque, installation included. Northland fund.
- o *The Crowd*: \$1,293.00 for creation of SPAC-standardized recognition plaque, installation included. Northland fund. Discussion on this item related to placement and coloring. Several commissioners voiced disapproval of mounting plaque to the base and that the SPAC-standardized plaque's coloring may clash with color of the piece. Also questions were raised regarding the location of "The Crowd" plaque originally attached to piece. Bryce confirmed that 2000 Town Center, who is leasing the piece, is not going to allow installation of a plaque to the wall or floor, and that a freestanding plaque is not an option. Mayor explained that the original plaque was too imbedded in

original base (new base is a recent fabrication) and is in storage with original base. Mayor suggested that the two items move forward and options can be explored regarding plaque color.

Both items:

Motion to approve, Reid, second by McTaggart. Approved 7-0, 6:03 PM

II. Masterplan/Design/installation & Maintenance:

- *Michigan Spring* [McTaggart: Prior SPAC member Skip Davis was in talks with the late local artist Jim Miller. Exploring options with nephew, who is current executor of estate, on acquiring *Michigan Spring*, a 9-foot tall aluminum sculpture. McTaggart recommends placement on front lawn between the two roundabouts, near the brick pedestrian crossway. Full donation is preferable to SPAC. Reid suggested multiple suggested locations for Council.
- *Peacock* [Ligan]: Ewick reported that the recent library board meeting was canceled—*Peacock* placement was to be a discussion item as SPAC has suggested placement in roundabout. Next meeting is May 9th. Bryce and Mayor will check with purchasing to see what is required to get the piece repaired by Bolinger (confirmed in prior meeting). Ligan has supplied Bolinger's insurance credentials.
- *Moby-Dick* [Siver]: Mayor has three quotes and would like the piece installed in conjunction with restoring the library fountain. Low quote is \$150,000.00. Mayor proposes \$25,000.00 of Northland fund to be used towards this purchase—will coordinate to secure rest of financing. Motion to approve, Reid, second by Ligan. Approved 7-0, 6:27 PM
- Saarinen figures [Ligan]: Bryce and Ligan will transport Saarinen figures to Modernism show. Discussion regarding future placement after repairs are completed. Wall on LTU campus suggested as it has a covered roof. Discussion regarding whether LTU's private status affects this location. City's ice rink wall has been also suggested as location in past. Continuing research on finding repairs for the pieces.
- *Etrog* [McTaggart]: Installed. Plaque is forthcoming. Notice of bolts rusting—Joe Tomczak, who oversaw the installation of the piece, is investigating restorative methods.
- Bertoia [Siver]: Mayor is continuing to work with Purchasing to find other bidders or an alternate solution for this item. Mayor was contacted by an unrelated party who is coordinating a Bertoia exhibit in late 2019. Suggested Wright as a broker. Ligan has experienced and heard mixed experiences regarding Wright and still recommends LAMA.
- *Pioneer Family II* [Bryce]: Plaque is installed.
- *Boulder Garden at Carpenter Lake* [Siver]: More boulders are likely coming.
- *Pegasus Flight* [Bryce]: Bryce's research suggests that it likely more economically feasible to restore the pieces rather than fabricate new

ones. Two items at work: restoration and proper installation. Bryce has several quotes for restoration; awaiting installation quote.

- *Wolverine* [Siver]: No update. Bryce to follow up.
- *The Crowd* [Siver]: Successful installation in 2000 Town Center lobby.
- *City of Southfield* [McTaggart]: Figure is potentially in need of repair or repainting. Discussion regarding who is responsible for this: SPAC or P&R? Discussion suggests it may be P&R. Discussion regarding relocating the figure to a more noteworthy location. Lack of signage.
- *Mallards* [Siver]: No report.
- LTU Student Projects [Craig]: Upcoming Open Crate Art Show. Upcoming Anime Convention and Gaming Expo.
- Master Plan Implementation "Art Way": Discussion of future usage of "Art Way."

III. Fundraising:

- Prior items, such as Kimmie Horne Jazz Festival and "Friends of Southfield Art" nonprofit are ongoing.

IV. Education & Outreach Program:

- April Modernism Show, April 20-22, 2018 [Ligan]: Bryce and Ligan will be transporting Saarinen figures in time for the show.
- City of Southfield 60th Anniversary, April 29, 2018 [Siver/Bryce]: Sign in sheet for table shifts has been sent. Flagg has supplied a list of items needed for the event. Prototype lanyards/nametags were displayed.
- Educational Tool: Art Activity Book [Pizana]: No report, but CCAB-funded Southfield coloring book for 60th Event was passed around.
- Marketing & Communication Update [Flagg]: Updated Facebook info. Barry and Ligan are doing Cable 15 has been filmed and is upcoming.

E. Project Status Updates: No report

F. Board Member Comments:.

- [Siver] Midcentury Modernism Tour May 6, 2018: Annual tour begins and ends at Congregation Shaarey Zedek from 2:00 – 4:30 PM.

G. Next Board Meeting: May 15, 2018 5:30 PM - Engineering Building.

H. Adjournment: Motion by Ligan to adjourn, second by Reid. Approved 7-0, 7:36 PM

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison