

Minutes of the Southfield Public Arts Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2020
5:30 PM
Teleconference Call
Broadcast on Southfield Cable 15

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

A. Roll Call:

Present: Barry, Craigo, Flagg, Goldstein, McTaggart, Milinsky, Pizana (5:45 PM)

Absent: Reid

Excused:., Kashdan, Ligan

Also Present: Kenson Siver, Southfield Mayor; Kyle Bryce, City Liaison; Terry Croad, City Planner; Joe Veryser, LTU Campus Architect

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

B. Approval of Agenda:

**Motion to approve Agenda, by McTaggart, second by Barry.
Approved 6-0, 5:33 PM.**

C. Public Comment

Call in number was provided in legal notice on City website, and the Chair waited 60 seconds after announcement of this agenda item due to transmission delay to Southfield Cable 15. No public comment received.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 18, 2020

**Motion to approve February 18, 2020 meeting minutes by Barry, second by Craigo.
Approved 6-0, 5:37 PM.**

E. Sub-Committee Reports:

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

- FY 2019-20 [July 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020].

Bryce reviewed the latest financial report and noted no changes.

II. **Fundraising (Strategies):**

- Flagg and Mayor Siver noted that all potential fundraising activities are on hold.

III. **Masterplan/Design/installation & Maintenance:**

- Public Art Requirement: LTU Stadium [Bryce]: Bryce introduced LTU's Public Art Requirement for their stadium site plan. LTU's \$25,000 payment for the art meets their requirement as their stadium is in excess of \$2.5M. LTU's Campus Architect Joe Veryser discussed the history of the piece in greater detail. The piece, by Douglas Gruizenga, has been a temporary installation at several places. It is shaped like motor pistons. LTU has purchased the piece and will install alongside the primary interior drive of

campus. LTU intends to install signage recognizing the piece's name and artist.

**Motion to approve LTU's proposed art piece as per the Public Art Ordinance by McTaggart, second by Goldstein.
Approved 7-0, 5:58 PM.**

- Mayor's Presentation to Council [Siver]: Mayor Siver plans to take the 2020-2021 Southfield Public Art Installation Plan to the City Council at the May 4th meeting to approve installation locations for several pieces of art. He gave the presentation to the Commission. It includes installation proposals for:
 - o *Motown Mural* in the Southfield Pavilion
 - o *The Great Lakes* at Beechwoods Recreation Center
 - o *City of Southfield* on the City Hall front lawn
 - o *Bell Road Obelisk* in the Bell Road roundabout
 - o *Ceramic Screen* along the LTU pathway (further explanation in separate agenda item below)
 - o *YinYang* at the traffic triangle at Evergreen, 10 Mile and Northwestern Highway
 - o *Lady in Waiting* in the Southfield Pavilion Plaza
 - o *River Series #4* as a corporate lease

**Motion to support the Mayor's installation proposals by Pizana, second by Milinsky.
Approved 7-0, 6:37 PM.**

- Hubert Massey [Croad]: Croad and Bryce met with Spackman, Mossop and Michaels (SMM), landscape architects, and Mr. Massey to begin a concept design for the LTU pathway. SMM has worked with Massey previously. The initial concept design is a series of triptychs along the pathway berm that will feature Massey-designed mosaics. The project is proposed to be designed in a way that will control the budget and allow it to grow in accordance with funding. Mr. Massey's budget and designs are forthcoming. This project is also being coordinated with the City Centre Advisory Board.
- Bertoia [Bryce]: Bryce reminded the Commission that at the February 18 meeting Commissioner Ligan recommended that the Commission should change its focus to restoring and installing this piece in the City, rather than sell it. The item was tabled at that meeting.

Mayor Siver said he has been in contact with the Bertoia Foundation to find additional resources to sell or restore the piece. Further discussion included possibilities for installations or the rationale for selling. Due to the absence of Commissioner Ligan, it was recommended to continue to table this item.

**Motion to postpone Commissioner Ligan's tabled Motion to redirect the Commission's focus on the Bertoia piece (*Constellation*) away from selling and towards restoration and installation in the City of Southfield by McTaggart, second by Barry.
Approved 7-0, 7:02 PM.**

IV. Education & Outreach Program:

- Juneteenth 2020 [Flagg]: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Juneteenth plans may be canceled or altered. Further information forthcoming.

G. Project Status Updates:

- No report.

H. Board Member Comments:

- Commissioner Flagg expressed condolences and heartfelt prayers for all victims of the pandemic. She advised all listeners to stay safe and follow the rules and guidelines.
- Commissioner Pizana was accepted to Cranbrook's painting program and was congratulated by the Commissioners.

I. Next Board Meeting:

- May 19, 2020, 5:30 PM.
Bryce noted that he will advise the Commission if another teleconference meeting will be required in accordance with City and State guidelines.

J. Adjournment:

**Motion by to adjourn by Goldstein, second by Barry.
Approved 7-0, 7:10 PM.**

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison