

Minutes of the Southfield Public Arts Commission Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
5:30 PM
Teleconference Call
Broadcast on Southfield Cable 15

Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM.

A. Roll Call:

Present: Barry, Craigo, Flagg, Goldstein, Kashdan, Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky, Reid
Absent: Pizana

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

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

B. Approval of Agenda:

**Motion to approve Agenda by Goldstein, second by Barry.
Approved 9-0, 5:35 PM.**

C. Public Comment

The call-in number was provided via legal notice on the City website, and the Chair waited two minutes after announcement of this agenda item due to transmission delay to Southfield Cable 15. No public comment was received.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 21, 2020

**Motion to approve April 21, 2020 meeting minutes by Reid, second by Craigo.
Approved 9-0, 5:40 PM.**

E. Sub-Committee Reports:

I. Financial Report [Reid, Bryce]:

- FY 2019-20 [July 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020].
Bryce reviewed the latest financial report and noted no changes.
- Hubert Massey LTU Pathway Mural Support:
City Planner Croad reviewed the latest update of the Hubert Massey LTU Pathway mural. The proposed project is a series of concrete triptychs along the pathway that will feature unique and community-inspired and assisted mosaic designs. The City Centre Advisory Board has already committed funding towards the design, engineering and bidding aspects of the project. Croad requested \$10,000 from the Commission to go towards construction of the first triptych.

Motion to allocate \$10,000 from the Southfield Public Arts Commission fund (Special Projects & Professional Services – 38180) towards the construction of the Hubert Massey LTU Pathway mural project by McTaggart, second by Kashdan.

Approved 9-0, 5:49 PM.

- FY 2020/21 Budget discussion:
Bryce presented the proposed draft budget for FY 2020/21. The budget is largely the same as previous years, but includes a line item for the annual website cost. Bryce said he will add the Hubert Massey support funding to it. Bryce opened the floor for discussion, and seeing none, stated that he will bring the updated draft to the June 16 meeting for adoption.

II. Fundraising (Strategies):

- Flagg stated that she and the Mayor filmed an arts update on Southfield Cable 15, where they discussed current and future Arts Commission initiatives.

III. Masterplan/Design/installation & Maintenance:

- Mayor's Presentation to Council [Siver]: The Mayor presented his proposal for 2020/21 art installations, as presented to the Arts Commission at the April 21, 2020 meeting, to the City Council at the May 4th Regular Meeting. The measure passed unanimously.
- Hubert Massey [Bryce, Croad]: Bryce reported that the pathway, barring any disruptions, is scheduled to be completed by June 1. Croad added that subsequently the City Centre Advisory Board will be layering on additional streetscape and wayfinding amenities, such as birdhouses, benches, and signage.
- 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 and subsequently tabled again at the next meeting, April 21.

Commissioner Ligan again spoke of the difficulties of selling the piece, and reminded the Commission of its prestige and value, and stated that the piece should remain in the City.

**Original motion from the February 18, 2020 Southfield Public Arts Commission Meeting:
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 Ligan, second by Kashdan.
Approved 9-0, 6:08 PM.**

IV. Education & Outreach Program:

- Most public events are canceled for the summer. Bryce stated that the Planning Department is exploring options for Eat to the Beat.

G. Project Status Updates:

- Bryce noted that despite delays due to weather and COVID-19, the *Moby Dick* plaque will be installed shortly.

- Croad noted that art is soon to be installed at the former Raleigh Center in connection to a Public Art Requirement project and will be brought before the Commission at the June 16 meeting.

H. Board Member Comments:

- McTaggart thanked the Mayor for his efforts in planning out 2020/21 art installations and acknowledged Carpenter Lake as a great park and resource.

I. Next Board Meeting:

- June 16, 2020, 5:30 PM.
Bryce noted that City guidelines require all public meetings through June be held via teleconference.

J. Adjournment:

**Motion by to adjourn by Goldstein, second by Milinsky.
Approved 9-0, 6:17 PM.**

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison