

Minutes of the Southfield Public Arts Commission Meeting
Tuesday, May 21, 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, Kashdan, Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky (5:37 PM), Pizana

Absent: Pixley, Reid

Excused:

Also Present: 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 McTaggart, second by Goldstein.
Approved 8-0, 5:31 PM.**

C. Public Comment:

None.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2019.

**Motion to approve April 16, 2019 meeting minutes by Barry, second by Kashdan.
Approved 8-0, 5:33 PM.**

E. Sub-Committee Reports:

I. Financial Report [Reid, Bryce]:

- FY 2018/2019 [July 1 2017 – April 30, 2019] reviewed. Bryce reported that he has added recent allocations to the report but nothing has been paid yet. Purchase Orders for the allocations have been approved.
- Croad discussed the upcoming fiscal year (beginning July 1, 2019) and that the Commission should notify the Chair of any upcoming expenses to be budgeted. Next meeting will feature discussion and approval of FY 19/20 budget.

II. Masterplan/Design/installation & Maintenance:

- Saarinen Figures [Bryce]: Bryce presented slides of Northland Mall before the removal of art that showed this piece in its original state. Bryce also presented the bear figure that had been restored by Carol Forsyth, who is retired from the Detroit Institute of Arts. A comparison was made between 'before photos' of the bear and the restored bear. The Commission discussed authorizing the Mayor to seek a full quote from Ms. Forsyth for the restoration of the remainder of the figures. The Commission discussed possible locations, including a showcase in City Hall intended to grow as more figures get restored. Kashdan asked how long it took to restore this one piece as a

means to estimate the time necessary to restore all figures. The Commission discussed the steel Great Lakes portion of the piece. Bryce to supply answers re: estimated timeframe and assess condition of steel 'lake' pieces.

Motion to authorize Mayor Siver to obtain full quote for the complete restoration of the remainder of the Saarinen Figures by McTaggart, second by Pizana.

Approved 9-0, 5:46 PM.

- Charles McGee [Barry/McTaggart]: Barry and McTaggart about reviving the Charles McGee project. Current estimates for completion include \$85K for the rights to the art/design and \$400K for fabrication/installation. The Commission discussed the feasibility of the proposed project, the amount of fundraising needed, potential placement sites, and the Commission's level of commitment. There was a strong consensus that completing this project is of high importance to the Commission. Barry and McTaggart to take first steps to get a finalized cost amount as most current information about the project is second-hand and dated. Discussion also included requests for Bryce to research what information has already been presented to Council.
- *Moby-Dick* [Bryce]: Bryce reported that Barton Malow supplied an in-kind donation of concrete for the maze walkway around the fountain valued at \$10K. Bryce and Mayor to follow up with irrigation company to receive timeframe for completion.
- *Peacock* [Ligan/Bryce]: Landscaping has been installed.

III. Education & Outreach Program, cont.:

- Website/Social Media update; Pizana reported that southfieldpublicarts.com is up and running as a "1.0" version. The website can have enhanced features, such as options for donations and membership, by upgrading to a business account at a cost averaging \$18/month. Pizana paid approximately \$25 to get the website up and running.

Motion to allocate \$250.00 from public art funds to pay for one year's costs of hosting southfieldpublicarts.com as a business account and to reimburse Commissioner Nick Pizana for set up costs.

Approved 9-0, 6:20 PM.

- *Moby-Dick* unveiling: Bryce stated this agenda item serves as a reminder of the proposed event and will be discussed further as we approach *Moby-Dick's* completion.

IV. Fundraising (Strategies)

- 12 Mile/Chanticleer Barn event: The Zoning Ordinance has been permitted to allow Small Event Venues however the property owner has to bring the site up to code. There are options to allow a temporary use at the site. Croad discussed the feasibility of a Fall event.
- Kimmie Horne Jazz Fest: August 9 and 10. Flagg discussed the event and asked Commissioners to mark dates on their calendar to serve as volunteers like last year.

- Art Prize: Requested by Reid; not reported on.
- Sculpture festival: Bryce reported that a local sculptural artist stopped by the Mayor's office. The Mayor made introductions and discussed with Bryce the possibility of creating a sculptural event show.

F. Project Status Updates:

G. Board Member Comments:

- Ewick discussed PuppetArt Theatre, a classically-trained Russian puppet theater group that moved from Detroit to Southfield. Ewick seeks to further involve them in the community. Ewick also discussed the possibility of using vacant school sites in Southfield as Arts/Non-Profit incubators or studios.

H. Next Board Meeting:

June 18, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

I. Adjournment:

**Motion by to adjourn by Ligan, second by Goldstein.
Approved 9-0, 6:53 PM.**

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison