

Minutes of the Southfield Public Arts Commission Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2020
5:30 PM
Teleconference Call
Broadcast on Southfield Cable 15

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

A. Roll Call:

Present: Craiggo, Flagg, Goldstein (5:31 PM), Kashdan, Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky, Pizana

Absent: Barry, Reid

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

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

B. Approval of Agenda:

**Motion to approve Agenda by Kashdan, second by Goldstein.
Approved 8-0, 5:34 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.

Skip Davis of 5000 Town Center called in about three projects: (1) He was grateful *City of Southfield* is getting restored and placed in a more prominent location, (2) he noted that *Gratitude's* color has significantly faded and recommended repainting, and (3) he dissented from Council's approved location for the upcoming installation of *Yin Yang*.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2020

**Motion to approve May 19, 2020 meeting minutes by McTaggart, second by Kashdan.
Approved 8-0, 5:44 PM.**

E. Sub-Committee Reports:

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

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

Bryce reviewed the latest financial report and noted no changes. There was a payment for the *Moby Dick* plaque in June that will be part of the final FY 19-20 status report at the next meeting.

- Adoption of FY 2020/21 Budget:

Bryce presented the proposed FY 2020/21 draft budget for adoption. Bryce noted that the draft budget was brought before the Commission at the previous meeting and there was no discussion and he did not receive any

follow up comments. Bryce added the \$10,000 line item for the Hubert Massey LTU pathway.

**Motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Southfield Public Arts Commission budget by Milinsky, second by Ligan.
Approved 8-0, 5:48 PM.**

II. Fundraising (Strategies):

- No report.

III. Masterplan/Design/installation & Maintenance:

- Public Art Requirement, 25300 Telegraph [Bryce]:
Bryce gave a brief overview of the City's Public Art Requirement per the Zoning Ordinance and the project location. Gary Soloniewicz, of Credit Acceptance, discussed the piece that has been installed in their lobby. Created by Jay Lefkowitz and named *Lookie Here Dear*, this corten steel abstract sculpture is nearly 12' tall. Credit Acceptance worked with Lefkowitz to select the design. Croad asked if the sculpture is in a place accessible to the public and Soloniewicz confirmed that it is. Several Commissioners voiced their support of the piece, especially as Lefkowitz has ties to Southfield and created *Gratitude*.

**Motion to approve Credit Acceptance's proposed art piece as per the Public Art Ordinance by Kashdan, second by McTaggart.
Approved 8-0, 5:48 PM.**

- 2020/21 Project Installations [Siver]:
Mayor Siver reported that *City of Southfield* is being repaired and Commissioner Barry is finalizing the color.
The pads for *City of Southfield* and *Yin Yang* are to be poured this week. *Yin Yang* has completed restoration.
Clifton Perry is working on restoring *Motown Mural* and a sign company will be installing when completed.
The same sign company will be placing *The Great Lakes* at Beech Woods, which is nearing completion.
- Hubert Massey update [Croad, Siver]:
City Planner Croad reported that the contract with Mr. Massey is close to being finalized.
Mayor Siver noted that plans are underway to organize a community discussion event for the proposed Bell Road Obelisk.

IV. Education & Outreach Program:

- No report.

G. Project Status Updates:

- Bryce reported that the *Moby Dick* plaque has been installed.
- Mayor Siver reported that the *Moby Dick* fountain was turned on June 1.

H. Board Member Comments:

- Chair Flagg recognized current social events and reminded the Commissioners and listeners to be cognizant.
- Milinsky, Ligan and McTaggart all concurred with the idea of repainting *Gratitude*. McTaggart questioned what kind of warranty the original painting had as it was painted a relatively short time ago. Bryce said he will follow up with Lefkowitz.
- Kashdan presented her Black Lives Matter artwork and offered the Commission its use for sale/donation and to be used for posters. Further information to follow.

I. Next Board Meeting:

- July 21, 2020, 5:30 PM.
Bryce reported that prior to the meeting there were discussions to cancel the July and potentially August meetings, as other Commissions sometimes take the summers off, but due to Commission support for agenda items that came up during this meeting, the July meeting will be held.

J. Adjournment:

**Motion by to adjourn by Goldstein, second by Ligan.
Approved 8-0, 6:29 PM.**

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison