

Minutes of the Southfield Public Arts Commission Meeting
Tuesday, June 18, 2019
5:30 PM
Conference Room A – Public Services Building

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

A. Roll Call:

Present: Craig (5:33 PM), Flagg, Goldstein, Kashdan, Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky, Pizana, Reid (left at 7:06 PM)

Absent: Reid

Excused: Barry

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

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

B. Approval of Agenda:

Bryce requested the agenda be amended to add items related to Veoneer's public art installation and business related to business cards.

**Motion to approve Agenda as amended by McTaggart, second by Goldstein.
Approved 8-0, 5:32 PM.**

C. Public Comment:

None.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 21, 2019.

**Motion to approve May 21, 2019 meeting minutes by Ligan, second by Craig.
Approved 9-0, 5:35 PM.**

E. Sub-Committee Reports:

I. Financial Report [Reid, Bryce]:

- FY 2018/2019 [July 1 2017 – May 31, 2019] reviewed. Reid asked if last month's website charges should have been included as an allocation. Bryce responded that he has reimbursed Pizana for his website expenses so far, and that the website charges will be included for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.
- Bryce discussed the proposed FY19-20 budget and noted he had not received any comments for line items. The website charge was included and Bryce noted this is the only definite expense planned so far.

Motion to approve Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget by Reid, second by Kashdan.

Approved 9-0, 5:39 PM.

II. Masterplan/Design/installation & Maintenance:

- Saarinen Figures [Siver]: Siver presented an update on the figures. The large bear has been restored with Carol Forsyth being paid \$1,200 from the

Friends of Southfield Public Art fund for her services. The pig and piglets figure is in good condition and does not need restoration. The horses are in OK condition and likely do not need restoration. The fox and bear cub and are in poor condition and awaiting restoration estimate. Two of three deer are in bad shape. The moose and figures in the boat are in very poor shape and possibly beyond restorative repair. The plaque has been found. The great lakes panels, when arranged, are approximately 19 feet in width. Mayor proposed installing them at Beech Woods. Mayor recommends animal figures not be placed back on wall and instead placed in showcase, similar to their appearance at the 2018 Michigan Modernism Show. Flagg supports Mayor's proposal. Questions were raised re: can Beech Woods wall support the Great Lakes panels; can the animals in incredibly poor condition still receive an estimate from the restorer; should the two items (the metal lakes and ceramic animals) be separated even though thematically they are part of the same piece; can the showcase be placed in the City Hall lobby; should the pieces in very poor condition remain as is to demonstrate the restorative aspect of SPAC's agenda; could the animal figures be once again adhered to a wall.

**Motion to explore Beech Woods as home for the Great Lakes panels by McTaggart, second by Goldstein.
Approved 9-0.**

- The Bridge [Siver]: Mayor Siver continued his presentation by showing *The Bridge*. Artist is unknown. The piece has some damage and needs moderate restoration. The concrete footings are still attached. Mayor to explore restoration properties, including removing the concrete footings without damaging the piece.
- Totem Pole [Siver]: Mayor Siver continued his presentation by showing the Totem Pole. Siver believes this piece is likely not able to be restored. Discussion re: potential locations for placement; the historicity of the piece; and need to understand the piece's background and original context.
- Woman with Basket [Siver]: Mayor Siver concluded his presentation with the *Woman with Basket*. This piece requires extensive external and internal restoration as it is a fountain. Currently a low priority
- Charles McGee [McTaggart]: McTaggart has been in contact with McGee. McGee is not in favor of buying the "rights" or design as discussed in last month's meeting. The price is still approximately \$400,000. This includes the customized benches and plaza which McGee considers as part of the whole piece. Bryce presented photos of two recent McGee sculptures in Detroit and noted the similarity between the existing sculpture at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and the proposed sculpture for Southfield. Discussion re: gaining Council support; identifying local support for crowdfunding; working with Charles to secure a new/smaller-scale design; seeking grants/loans for funding.
- *Moby-Dick* [Siver]: Ongoing rain delays have led to little progress at the site. Funding is there for completion.
- Morris Brose [Bryce]: The piece has been fully restored and dropped off in two pieces. Bryce presented photos of before and after. Mayor to continue negotiations with Veoneer for future installation in their headquarters' lobby.
- Veoneer [Bryce]: Veoneer's public art requirement has been satisfied. Bryce showed photos of the completed piece outside the headquarters.

- Proposed mural [Pizana]: Pizana shared a presentation detailing using existing blank facades and utility boxes around the City as surfaces for murals. He shared examples of what other Cities have done and how they have been positive for the community. Pizana also outlined a festival highlighting murals and art in the City.

III. Education & Outreach Program, cont.:

- Sculpture show [Siver]: To be part of Kimmie Horne.
- Website/Social media update [Pizana]: Website is up. Bryce has reimbursed Pizana for existing charges and working towards setting up for new fiscal year.
- *Moby-Dick* unveiling: On hold until completion.

IV. Fundraising (Strategies)

- 12 Mile/Chanticleer Barn event: Awaiting satisfaction of ADA and drainage issues.
- Kimmie Horne Jazz Fest: August 9 and 10. Initial discussions were held discussing SPAC's connection to the event. Plans call for same parking locations and costs as last year. SPAC members to return as parking attendants. Further discussion for next month's meeting.

F. Project Status Updates:

- Bryce presented three quotes for business cards and confirmed which members need them. Although OfficeMax had the lowest price, Ligan suggested to explore VistaPrint.

**Motion to expend up to \$160.00 for SPAC business cards by Ligan, second by Craigo.
Approved 8-0, 7:32 PM.**

G. Board Member Comments:

- Ewick proposed using the former Brace-Lederle school as an arts collective building.

H. Next Board Meeting:

July 16, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

I. Adjournment:

**Motion by to adjourn by Kashdan, second by Goldstein.
Approved 8-0, 7:41 PM.**

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison