

Minutes of the Southfield Public Arts Commission Meeting
Tuesday, July 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, Flagg, Goldstein, Ligan, Milinsky, Pizana, Reid (5:40 PM)

Excused: Craigo

Absent: McTaggart

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

Bryce notified the Commission that Commissioner Kashdan resigned.
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 6-0, 5:35 PM.**

C. Public Comment

The call-in number was provided via legal notice on the City website, and the Chair waited one minute after announcement of this agenda item due to transmission delay to Southfield Cable 15.

Bryce noted that a new meeting software is being used, and that the call-in number has changed. This new number was displayed on the intro slide for the broadcast.

Skip Davis of 5000 Town Center called in for public comment. His letter, that he read from, is attached.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 16, 2020

**Motion to approve June 16, 2020 meeting minutes by Milinsky, second by Goldstein.
Approved 7-0, 5:44 PM.**

E. Sub-Committee Reports:

I. Financial Report [Reid, Bryce]:

- FY 2019/20 Year-end Report.

Reid reviewed the FY 2019/20 Year-end Report.

Bryce noted that the only change was the payment of the *Moby Dick* plaque.

The next meeting will contain the first month of the new FY 20/21 and will include information from the budget as adopted June 16, 2020. Croad noted that a budget amount is not necessarily indicative of funds on hand. Bryce to update the current estimated account balance for the next meeting.

II. Fundraising (Strategies):

- Flagg continues to work on a punch card mailer to be utilized for fundraising.

III. Masterplan/Design/installation & Maintenance:

- Etrog Replacement Plaque
Bryce discussed that the plaque for this piece denotes that Mr. Etrog donated it to the people of Southfield. McTaggart, in an email, noted that this is not true. Bryce presented a new quote and design that notes simply that it is "From the Northland Art Collection." Since this item was proposed by McTaggart and he was not present at this meeting, Barry suggested we wait for him at the next meeting. No action taken.
- Gratitude Repainting
Bryce reported that he has been in email correspondence with the artist, Jay Lefkowitz. Lefkowitz agrees that the paint has faded considerably and is not happy about it. He has worked with his paint supplier to come up with a better solution and submitted a quote to Bryce for the paint and his estimated labor. Bryce stated that, to follow City guidelines, he is going to obtain two additional quotes. Lefkowitz stated that the piece should not be painted during the high heat of summer.
- 2020/21 Project Installations [Siver]:
Discussion re: *Yin Yang's* location, including addressing the public comment. Flagg noted the minutes show a January 2020 discussion for placement. Croad noted the April 2020 minutes note the location and approval by Commissioners.

Barry expressed he wished he had visited the site as he is currently not in favor of the location.

Ligan suggested that lighting be installed at the site.

Milinsky stated that future installations should be considered with several alternative locations.

Siver and Croad responded to visibility concerns, stating that the location's foliage has been pruned and will likely be pruned further.

Siver responded to comments made in public comment and the discussion. He noted that the Commission is tasked with placing art not just on the municipal campus. The cement pad at the site has been poured but needs to be altered before the piece can be installed.

Motown Mural is set to be installed in late July,

Great Lakes will be installed soon.

The City Hall lobby is being renovated, with some of the art pieces there being moved elsewhere around City Hall.

- Hubert Massey update:
The contract has been approved and further updates are forthcoming.
- Barrier Walls Murals Discussion:
Croad discussed a long section of blank barrier wall along the new LTU NW Hwy Pathway. Croad has been working with Pizana to secure quotes from local artists—the wall is long enough to have several murals. The murals will be on the pedestrian side of the wall only. Croad estimates project completion maybe in late fall but spring is more likely. The LTU Pathway Project must be completed and signed off by MDOT before painting can occur. Project financing is via City Centre Advisory Board but design oversight will be approved by Arts Commission.

IV. Education & Outreach Program:

- No report.

G. Project Status Updates:

- None.

H. Board Member Comments:

- None.

I. Next Board Meeting:

- August 18, 2020, 5:30 PM.
Flagg discussed the possibility of canceling August's meeting but it was decided to hold it due to active items.

J. Adjournment:

**Motion by to adjourn by Barry, second by Reid.
Approved 7-0, 6:46 PM.**

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison