

Minutes of the Southfield Public Arts Commission Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2020
5:30 PM
Teleconference Call
Broadcast on Southfield Cable 15

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM.

A. Roll Call:

Present: Barry, Craigo, Flagg, Goldstein (5:40 PM), Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky, Reid
Absent: Pizana

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

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

B. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve Agenda by Barry, second by Craigo.
Approved 7-0, 5:38 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.

No public comment received.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes: July 21, 2020

Motion to approve July 21, 2020 meeting minutes by Barry, second by Ligan.
Approved 7-1, 5:41 PM.
McTaggart dissented.

E. Sub-Committee Reports:

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

- FY 20/21 Monthly Status Report (July 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020)
Reid reviewed the status report.
Bryce noted that this is a new fiscal year so the only items on it are what was approved in the budget or carryovers from previous years. Bryce noted that OMB merged the 'In-House Meeting Expenses' line item into 'Operating Expenses and Supplies' (#27400), combining the budget to a new total of \$1,000.

II. **Fundraising (Strategies):**

- Flagg continues to work on a punch card mailer to be utilized for fundraising with Milinsky.
- Siver to work with local residents on fundraising for the Bell Road Obelisk.
Goldstein recommended working with Shaarey Zedek for this task.

- The 12 Mile Barn is still working toward completing requirements to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy.

III. Masterplan/Design/installation & Maintenance:

- Public Art Requirement: 20920 East St.:
Bryce reviewed the requirements of the Southfield Public Art Requirement and noted that architectural enhancements above what is required can be counted as public art. Bryce then briefly reviewed the project as petitioned by Kokosking Construction Company on behalf of the owner Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA). Susan Roterman, Designer at Alfred Benesch & Company, and Jim Miller, Project Manager of Kokosing, spoke about the project.

Mr. Miller discussed that the existing water reservoirs and pump station are being demolished and replaced. Normally, these reservoirs would be blank concrete, but they are proposing to add stone banding across the brick (proposed) pump house, and then paint the reservoirs to match. Mr. Miller stated the architectural enhancements are above and beyond their capped Public Art Requirement of \$25,000.

Ligan asked about materials, the size of the proposed reservoirs vs. existing, and protocol for maintenance.

Mr. Miller replied that the reservoirs are painted concrete and the pump station is brick. The new reservoirs contain less water but they may revisit an option for a third someday. Maintenance will be conducted within GLWA protocols.

Barry asked if the banding could be more uniform and about the height.

Mr. Miller replied that the heights are uneven so the banding is done as close as possible.

Siver asked what is being stored in the tanks.

Mr. Miller stated it was drinkable water.

Mr. Miller stated the proposal is for a matching earth tone painted color, but he could run a final color choice by the Commission as they near painting.

Motion to approve GLWA's architectural enhancements as per the Public Art Requirement for 20920 East Street, with the provision of reviewing the final color choice prior to painting, by Reid, second by Barry.

Approved 6-2, 6:17 PM.

Goldstein and McTaggart dissented.

- Etrog Replacement Plaque:
Bryce noted that he has a quote and proof for the Etrog Replacement Plaque, which would remove the incorrect provision that the piece was a gift from the artist to the City of Southfield. Rather, the replacement plaque notes it is from the Northland Art Collection.

McTaggart spoke about the existing error and stated the proof is acceptable.

**Motion to approve the proof and quote for the Etrog Replacement Plaque by Barry, second by Goldstein.
Approved 8-0, 6:25 PM.**

- *Gratitude* Repainting:

Bryce reported he brought this item to the previous meeting for discussion, but worked to obtain at least three quotes per City policy. He reached out to several painting companies, but no responses were heard, and that non-answers count as a response. Thus, he presented Mr. Lefkowitz's quote as the sole bidder.

Craig recommended further exploration into repainting options, and noted his neighbor had a similar piece restored. He offered to retrieve the contact information for the restorer.

McTaggart asked if the quote included any sort of discounted rate, as the submitter had previously painted the piece, which has now faded so quickly. Bryce responded he was not aware of any such rate, but that the paint supplier has offered a reduced rate on the painting product to be used. McTaggart stated the proposed and recommended finishes are not needed and that the piece could be spray painted instead.

Chair Flagg tabled this item. Bryce and Craig to follow up.

- Southfield Peace Pole:

Bryce presented the landscape/site plan and specs of the proposed Southfield Peace Pole, as well as the specs and quote for the proposed accompanying plaque. Bryce stated this is a project that is working through City Council at the moment, and consists of three poles with "May Peace Prevail on Earth" written in several different languages on each face. Noreen Lusk of the Planning Department designed a landscaped area for which the poles are to be installed in an area recommended by City Council on the north side of City Hall's circle entrance. Bryce noted that this is a collaborative effort with different boards and commissions providing funding sources. Bryce requested the Commission consider: (1) endorsing approval of the location and design, and (2) allocating payment for the plaque.

Barry stated that the pole is the message rather than the plaque, so in his opinion the plaque is not necessary. McTaggart and Craig agreed. Bryce responded that the plaque contains braille and is being proposed in the interest of accessibility. Milinsky voiced support for the plaque.

Several commissioners stated that the poles are not art, and thus should not be given a Southfield Public Arts Commission plaque.

Bryce responded that this is not an Arts Commission project or piece, but rather a collaborative effort by the City, and he is asking if the Commission would like to contribute.

Flagg voiced support for contribution.

**Motion to not contribute to the Southfield Peace Pole plaque by Barry, second by McTaggart.
Approved 6-2, 6:50 PM.
Flagg and Milinsky dissented.**

**Motion to endorse the Southfield Peace Pole project and design by Reid, second by Goldstein.
Approved 8-0, 6:51 PM.**

- *Peacock* plaque location:

Bryce noted that, following up from the previous meeting, the *Peacock* plaque was approved on January 15, 2019 but it has not been installed and he found no record of an approved location. He noted that in his opinion the site configuration makes an easy, logical choice for plaque placement difficult. Bryce presented a graphic showing a proposed location.

McTaggart requested greater clarification of the specific proposed location.

Barry, Ligan and McTaggart volunteered to find a specific installation location and make a recommendation at the September Regular Meeting.

- *Motown Mural* Plaques
Bryce discussed that the two frames have been installed in the Pavilion, and that the artist had recently touched them up. Bryce presented the proofs and quote for one (1) standard Arts Commission plaque, as well as two (2) subject identification plaques for the figures in the two murals.

At this time, the meeting was required to be cut short due to Cable 15's schedule of airing a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting at 7:00 PM.

**Motion to table the *Motown Mural* Plaques and all additional items to the September 15, 2020 Regular Meeting by Ligan, second by Reid.
Approved 8-0, 6:57 PM.**

F. Board Member Comments:

- Siver stated *Yin Yang* is to be installed August 19th. The option of installing electricity at the site is being reviewed.

G. Next Board Meeting:

- September 15, 2020, 5:30 PM.

H. Adjournment:

**Motion by to adjourn by Reid, second by Ligan.
Approved 8-0, 7:00 PM.**

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison