

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

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

A. Roll Call:

Present: Craigo, Flagg, Ligan (5:37 PM), McTaggart, Milinsky, Reid
Absent: Barry, Goldstein, Pizana

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

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

B. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve Agenda by Reid, second by Craigo.
Approved 5-0, 5:32 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: August 18, 2020

Motion to approve August 18, 2020 meeting minutes by Milinsky, second by Reid.
Approved 5-0, 5:36 PM.

E. Sub-Committee Reports:

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

- FY 20/21 Monthly Status Report (July 1, 2020 – August 31, 2020)
Reid reviewed the status report.

II. **Fundraising (Strategies):**

- Mayor Siver, Flagg and Milinsky continue to work on pledge card to be used in City-wide mailing.
- Mayor Siver working with Shaarey Zedek to host socially-distant community event to provide input for proposed Bell Road Roundabout sculpture.

III. **Masterplan/Design/installation & Maintenance:**

- *Gratitude* Repainting:
Bryce reported he brought this item to the previous meeting for discussion, and worked to obtain at least three quotes per City policy. Commissioner Craigo contacted a sculpture artist and restorer, Zach Langenburg, to

examine the sculpture and provide a quote. Mr. Langenburg examined the sculpture and provided a thorough analysis. He gave two options: one for a basic cleaning and repainting with UV-protective paint (\$1,150.00); the other for a more thorough restoration, including welding spatter removal, sanding, cleaning, installation of weep holes and caulking (for water damage prevention), bolt thread cutting, priming and painting (\$1,925.00). Mr. Langenburg also provided photos of a recent sculpture restoration.

Dunn's Welding contacted Bryce and did not provide a quote, but rather an unspecified hourly rate—Dunn's Welding also required the removal of the sculpture and transportation to their shop. Bryce also reviewed Mr. Lefkowitz's quote from last month's meeting at \$2,880.00. Discussion ensued.

**Motion to accept the quote for the enhanced restoration and repainting of the sculpture in the amount of \$1,925.00 (to come from the -38180 "Special Projects & Professional Services" line item) by Craigo, second by Ligan.
Approved 6-0, 5:59 PM.**

- *Peacock* plaque location:
Bryce stated that Commissioners Barry, Ligan and McTaggart met at the site and recommended the plaque be installed near the sculpture inside the traffic circle. Bryce noted that the site is not ADA-accessible, and used pricing from a recent construction project to estimate that, at 70 linear feet of 5ft-wide sidewalk, providing ADA access to the site would cost more than \$8,000.00.

Further discussion ensued, with Planner Croad comparing the site to the sculptures in the two roundabouts on Evergreen Road which feature plaques in similar situations. Seeing no clear consensus, Chair Flagg decided to table this item to the October 20th Regular Meeting. Barry, Ligan and McTaggart are to meet with Bryce and Croad to make a recommendation.

- *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. Reid asked that the plaques be installed away from existing control panels in the wall.

**Motion to accept the quote for the *Motown Mural* Plaques in the amount of \$2,223.00 (to come from the -38180 "Special Projects & Professional Services" line item) by Reid, second by Milinsky.
Approved 6-0, 6:16 PM.**

- Hubert Massey update
Planner Croad stated that the bids for construction of the concrete panels were opened on 9.15.2020 and was pleased to report that the lowest qualified bidder is within the project budget. Croad is hopeful that six panels will be installed in late Fall or early Spring.

- Barrier Walls Mural Discussion
Planner Croad reported that the Southfield City Centre Advisory Board (CCAB) authorized up to \$6,000.00 for three 30' linear murals for the pedestrian barrier wall at the new LTU Pathway. Art is to be coordinated with LTU and is expected in late Fall or early Spring.
- *Laughing Elephant* at Bauervic Woods Park
Commissioner Ligan gave a presentation on and recommended for *Laughing Elephant* to be installed at Bauervic Woods. Primary reasons include the whimsical nature of the sculpture would be a good fit near the playscape, and it is outside of the general area where a concentration of art has already been installed.

Planner Croad and Mayor Siver responded by noting that the City is undergoing late-stage negotiations with a developer for the former Northland Mall site and that the *Laughing Elephant* has been in talks to be installed there. Croad noted it has been a goal for some Northland art to be returned to Northland.

Commissioner Ligan proposed the *Woman with Basket* as an alternative to be placed at Northland as it could be integrated during the construction cycle to be connected to water and be used as a fountain.

Planner Croad asked for one month on this item to see how the final due diligence with the developer will conclude.

- Relocation of *Two Friends* at Bauervic Woods Park
Mayor Siver noted that this piece sits far back from the road in an awkward spot near the tree line and that he would like it much further to the road. The Planning Department is to determine a suitable location that does not impact future installation of a shared-use pathway.
- 2020/21 Project Installations Update
Mayor Siver presented the following:
 - o We are awaiting Oakland County to tap in to the electrical lines to provide illumination for *Yin Yang*. City Forester is to conduct tree trimming.
 - o He is working with the Bell Road roundabout area residents and Shaarey Zedek for community involvement.
 - o Carpenter Lake Boulder Garden is to fully open in 2021 due to COVID precautions.
 - o The *Great Lakes* panels are complete and a quote to install them was recently approved.
 - o The Commission is awaiting a new representative from LTU.

IV. Education & Outreach Program:

- Bryce thanked the Commission for their review of the Southfield Art Guide. Discussion ensued regarding further edits to the work, including revising the Commission's stated Vision. Bryce to work with subcommittee of Flagg, Craigo, Goldstein and Milinsky to prepare a final draft for approval.

F. Project Status Updates / Approvals:

- Bryce stated the *Prophet* replacement plaque is expected to be installed by the end of September.

G. Board Member Comments:

- Flagg noted the usefulness of archives and recordkeeping and asked to confirm that Commission records are being kept. Bryce responded that the Planning Department keeps a record of all agendas, minutes and miscellaneous related documents. Planner Croad noted that approved minutes are posted on the Planning Department website.

H. Next Board Meeting:

- October 20, 2020, 5:30 PM.

I. Adjournment:

**Motion by to adjourn by Reid, second by Ligan.
Approved 6-0, 6:56 PM.**

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison