

**Minutes of the Southfield Public Arts Commission Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 21, 2021**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Teleconference Call**  
**Broadcast on Southfield Cable 15**

**Meeting called to order at 5:07 PM.**

**A. Roll Call:**

Present: Craig, Flagg, Goldstein, Ligan, Milinsky, Reid, Wood

Excused:

Absent: Barry, McTaggart, Pizana

Also Present: Kyle Bryce, City Liaison; Terry Croad, City Planner; Mary Beall, Interim City Librarian

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

**B. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion to approve Agenda by Ligan, second by Goldstein.**

**Approved 7-0, 5:09 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.

**D. Approval of Meeting Minutes: August 17, 2021**

Goldstein noted that he called in to Bryce to notify him that he would likely be excused. He was noted as absent in the minutes. Bryce to make this correction.

**Motion to approve August 17, 2021 meeting minutes, as amended, by Reid, second Wood.**

**Approved 7-0, 5:14 PM.**

**E. Sub-Committee Reports:**

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

**- Public Art Requirement:**

- PSP21-0002, 27522 NW HWY, New Seoul Market:  
Bryce presented a brief overview of PSP21-0002, New Seoul Market, which is complementary to the restaurant group New Seoul Plaza across the street. Both site plans were approved with their respective closest corners to contain public art. Rebecca Lazarus, representing the owner, presented the proposal of public art, consisting of two obelisks of contemporary Korean architectural design that will be covered in matching murals. The murals are by a local Detroit area artist of Korean descent. One obelisk's mural will be white with a black background, and the other will be reversed. The murals will be

illuminated internally by LEDs and will also feature exterior up lighting. The two obelisks are known as *Yin and Yang*.

Planner Croad asked Ms. Lazarus to identify the dimensions of the obelisks. They are 10' tall with a 48" width face.

New Seoul Plaza is existing and operating and its obelisk is to be installed by the end of the year. New Seoul Market is forthcoming and its obelisk will be installed in 2022.

**Motion to approve the Public Art Requirement of PSP21-0002 by Reid, second by Ligan.  
Approved 7-0, 5:25 PM.**

- Public Art Requirement:
  - o PASP21-0034, 23811 Telegraph Rd., Enterprise Rent-a-Car:  
Bryce presented a brief overview of PASP21-0034, whose Special Land Use component is still going through the Site Plan Approval process. Allison Bishop of A.R. Brouwer Company, representing the developer, presented the proposal for public art for this project: a fountain the front retention pond along with two benches.

Bryce noted that the Public Art Requirement does permit water features as public art.

Craig noted that some detention ponds do not always have water and asked how the fountain would work in such a case. Ms. Bishop clarified the difference between detention and retention ponds, and stated that this retention pond is designed to continuously hold water.

Reid asked if any landscaping would block the view of the fountain. Planner Croad responded that the pond and fountain are in the front along Telegraph Rd. and viewable to the public as required.

Flagg requested clarification on the Art Commission's potential approval of this item given that it has not yet completed the Site Plan Approval process.

Planner Croad responded that it is unlikely but possible that some design elements could be adjusted prior to final approval. He recommended that any motion to approve be made subject to final City Council Site Plan approval.

**Motion to approve the Public Art Requirement of PASP21-0034, subject to final Site Plan approval by the Southfield City Council, by Reid, second by Milinsky.  
Approved 7-0, 5:35 PM.**

Planner Croad recommended that the Commission review what constitutes public art per the City ordinance at the next meeting.

- Installations:

- Hubert Massey Update  
Planner Croad discussed the current status of *Tapestry of a Community*. The concrete triptychs are completed. Planner Croad and Bryce met with Dr. Massey on site to discuss the future timeline. Further details to follow.
- Saarinen showcase  
No update.
- Eastland Art discussion  
Bryce presented an overview of the closure of Eastland Mall, a story similar to Northland Mall. Likewise, Eastland has art, notably the *Lion and Mouse* by Marshall Fredericks. Planner Croad wanted to discuss this item to see if any Commissioners were able and willing to make any contacts at Eastland to see if any art can be saved/acquired.

Ligan has already considered the issue somewhat and is knowledgeable about the art at Eastland. He has had difficulty making connections with the current ownership.

Bryce to contact Harper Woods to get more information.

II. Financial Report [Reid, Bryce]:

- FY 21/22 Monthly Status Report (July 1, 2021 – July 31, 2021)  
Reid reviewed the status report.  
Bryce noted the receipt of funds for Marelli's Public Art Requirement for PSP20-0007 and the expenditure for the *Gratitude* roundabout lighting.

III. Fundraising (Strategies):

- Chair Flagg met with local artist John Osler and is working with him to coordinate an art exhibit at City Hall.

IV. Education & Outreach Program:

Planner Croad and Chair Flagg recapped the August 27<sup>th</sup> Ribbon Cutting event for the LTU Pathway.

F. Project Status Updates / Approvals:

- Planner Croad shared the final completion of the *Endeavor* installation.

G. Board Member Comments:

- Craigo submitted his resignation to Chair Flagg and Mayor Siver. He noted a new job would make his meeting attendance difficult and unlikely. The Commissioners thanked Craigo for his service and friendship.
- Goldstein stated that a friend works at the Henry Ford archive who noted that an article on Northland Mall included a section on its art. This section detailed the Arts Commission and the *Friends* and their successful efforts to save the mall's art.

H. Next Board Meeting:

- October 19, 2021, 5:00 PM (virtual)

I. Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn by Reid, second by Goldstein.**

**Approved 7-0, 6:19 PM.**

Prepared by Kyle Bryce, City Liaison