

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

APPROVED FEBRUARY 3, 2022

West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission

Thursday, January 6, 2022

7:00pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 7:04pm by Heidi Kuharich; Roll Call: Uwe Gsedl, Anni Holm, Judith Horsley, Heidi Kuharich, Buddy Plumlee, Deborah Walsh, ex officio Lew Achenbach, and City Liaison Daniel Peck in attendance; quorum established; Statement from Mayor Pineda read
2. Nominate and Vote on Cultural Arts Commission Secretary/Scribe:
 - a. Judith Horsley agreed to take minutes for Zoom meetings. No vote taken.
3. Approve Minutes of November 4, 2021:
 - a. Deborah Walsh made motion to approve, Judith Horsley seconded the motion, minutes approved unanimously
4. Welcome New Staff Liaison to Commission:
 - a. Daniel Peck introduced himself as the new Marketing & Communications Coordinator replacing Rosemary Mackey, who retired. He spoke about his background and then each of the Commission members took turns providing some information about themselves.
 - b. Heidi Kuharich stressed that the Commission looks forward to working with him and offered full assistance in getting him acclimated.
5. Cultural Arts Master Plan Document Writing Assignments:
 - a. Buddy Plumlee has made headway with the opening section of the Master Plan, Executive Summary. The document is ready for other members to take sections to write:
 - i. Master Plan Partners: Anni Holm
 - ii. Public Arts Commission Selection: Buddy Plumlee
 - iii. Arts Funding: Dan Peck (TBD)
 - iv. Collective Oversight: Deborah Walsh
 - v. Community Involvement: Heidi Kuharich
 - b. Buddy Plumlee will forward document to Daniel Peck to be uploaded to CAC Google Drive for shared access and version control.
6. Follow-up on Success of Frosty Fest Outreach:
 - a. Heidi Kuharich reported that she, Deborah Walsh, and Buddy Plumlee were on-hand during the event to support 180 children participants in creating the public art snowflake in the window of Republic Bank. The Snowflake Artpiece will remain up throughout the Holiday season. Projects such as these push awareness of public art in the community.
7. Update on 2022 Art Banner Call for Art - *Renewal*:
 - a. Discussion to familiarize Daniel Peck with information from prior Art Banner projects.
 - b. Motion to extend deadline for entries to February 15, 2022 made by Anni Holm, seconded by Uwe Gsedl, passed unanimously.
 - c. Discussion on shortlist of potential jurors: Kay McKeen of SCARCE recommended; Judith Horsley will make contact with her to make request. [Other judges suggested: Karina Villa, Liuan Chen Huska, Fiorella Gomez Bermudez.
8. Discuss Direction for Repair of Forever Lily:
 - a. Heidi Kuharich reported that Public Works did make CAC's recommended repairs after initially declining, uncomfortable with responsibility for public art. In ongoing communication, Mark Ruddick of PW noted that support structure is deteriorating due to weather and should be replaced summer 2022. A work order for June 2022 has already been opened. Heidi Kuharich offered CAC's onhand review/support if PW deems necessary.
9. Strategize Future Collaboration with DuPage Symphony Orchestra:
 - a. Daniel Peck will reach out to DSO to offer CAC's support with future projects planned with the City of West Chicago.
10. Discuss Next Steps for Proposed Collaboration with West Chicago Public Library District for Public Art on Its Property:
 - a. Tabled till March meeting; Ben Weseloh, West Chicago Public Library Director, not in attendance.
11. Discuss Opportunities to Connect with Mexican Cultural Center DuPage, DuPage Convention and Visitor's Bureau and Cantigny on *Los Alebrijes*
 - a. Heidi Kuharich will invite Fernando Ramirez, Mexican Cultural Center-DuPage to the February meeting to learn how the Cultural Arts Commission can support the project and MCCD.
12. Other Business:
 - a. Heidi Kuharich noted a new Public Art Interactive Map feature on the City's website.
 - b. Heidi Kuharich read a thank you note from Rosemary Mackey for the gift presented to her by Commission members.
 - b. Anni Holm requested help in obtaining artificial Christmas trees for an art installation at the Old Kirke Museum in Manistee, MI. Trees can be dropped off at the back entrance of Gallery 200 or at her home.
 - c. Heidi Kuharich noted that there are vacancies for this Commission and stressed that an effort is needed to have all City Commissions reflect the cultural diversity of our community.
13. Public Participation: None
14. Adjournment:
 - a. Uwe Gsedl made motion, Anni Holm seconded, unanimous: 9:00pm

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