

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

APPROVED NOVEMBER 4, 2021

West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission

Thursday, October 7, 2021

7:00pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 7:02pm by Heidi Kuharich; Roll Call: Judith Horsley, Heidi Kuharich, Buddy Plumlee, Deborah Walsh, and City Liaison Rosemary Mackey in attendance; Quorum established; Statement from Mayor Pineda read
 - a. Community member, Crystal Riani, joined
2. Approve Minutes of September 2, 2021
 - a. Anni Holm requested two changes via e-mail:
 - 7b: CAPE is looking for "artists" not "art teachers"
 - 7j: Terrain Exhibition add "Gary Elementary" after "Parent Art Class"
 - b. Deborah Walsh made motion to approve with above changes, Judith Horsley seconded; Approved unanimously
3. Update Status of Public Art Master Plan [Cultural Arts Commission Master Plan]
 - a. Buddy Plumlee made a preliminary review document available and Commission was able to discuss it at length, especially in regard to the overall organization of the document and points to include, with the understanding that some points may be dropped or amended as the writing stage gets further underway
 - b. Extended conversation on "artist contract" portion included changing wording to "contracting with artists" and possibly including a contract example in the appendix section
 - c. Commission members offered to take on portions in order to assist and complete the task faster
4. Art Banner Call for Art: *Renewal*
 - a. Rosemary Mackey reported that PR for the 2022 theme has begun
5. Annual Public Art Maintenance Review
 - a. Heidi Kuharich shared the review document of photos for the discussion on the condition of all pieces
 - b. She and Anni Holm made several notes on the condition and a few recommendations based on their in-person review; these were minor notes, mainly having to do with resealing "Forever Lily" and adding caulk to prevent damage (Rosemary Mackey will follow up with Public Works) and suggesting a detailed review of Signa Rotae by Buddy Plumlee as the artist (missing pieces, regrot, etc)
 - c. No immediate action was suggested for "Love Even More" but there are areas where paint is missing; Buddy Plumlee asked for specifics on the steel used to learn more about the rust factor on those bare spots; Rosemary Mackey will review original fabrication contract to report back on that information
6. Downtown Trunk-or-Treat Outreach
 - a. Discussion around joining event to gain WeGo children (300 expected) inclusion in survey process of Master Plan via applying candy wrappers to several art choice "canvases" (mural, photo, sculpture, urban art, collaborative), resulting in recycled art itself
 - b. Commission will provide "boards" and examples of the art styles in question to make it kid-friendly; also candy
 - c. Event is Saturday, October 30, 1-3; Heidi Kuharich will serve as point person; assistance from other Commission members requested
 - d. Deb Walsh made motion, Judith Horsley seconded, passed unanimously
7. DSO Invitation to Collaborate at October 16th Concert
 - a. Shelley Campbell requested assistance from Commission in gaining artwork on theme of "Lightness and Dark" for lobby during performance; Heidi Kuharich reached out to contacts at D33, D94, and Gallery 200; Rosemary Mackey reported that Lisa Willuweit (D94) secured past work from ESL students for the show; those artists will receive a

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free ticket to the performance in exchange

- b. Heidi Kuharich and Rosemary Mackey will either meet with Shelley Campbell personally or invite her to a Commission meeting to discuss the upcoming DSO performance schedule as it stands in hopes of anticipating points where we might be able to assist; allowing enough time for artists to plan as this timeframe was a bit too quick for most

8. Other Business

- a. Deborah Walsh reported that Ben Weseloh, Library Director, is still interested in pursuing the project but it might not get underway until next year; Rosemary Mackey reported that her last discussion with him indicated he'd attend November's CAC meeting to begin conversations
- b. Heidi Kuharich noted that Gallery 200 is seeking member artists as the pandemic logistics has brought on several openings
- c. Deborah Walsh requested update on Frida Kahlo Exhibit video display of D33 student art; Heidi Kuharich confirmed that COD staff has made it available and D33 had begun additional promotion
- d. Judith Horsley made suggestions surrounding sculpture parks, thematic art, inviting art students from WCCHS or COD to contribute, and hosting an outdoor art fair; Buddy Plumlee revisited the idea of Art in the Lot (behind Gallery 200) and even working with the park space next door and with Fernando Ramirez as Mexican Cultural Center of DuPage takes over the Depot on the other side
- e. Judith Horsley noted that the link to the CAC Gallery Page should be more prominent on the Commission general information page and link from other pertinent points within the City website; she also noted that the Gallery still does not include certain pieces; Heidi Kuharich suggested a complete audit of the Gallery page to make sure all pieces are reflected there and described/attributed correctly
- f. Rosemary Mackey announced her upcoming retirement, effective January 2022; search in underway for her replacement

9. Public Participation: N/A

10. Adjournment: Buddy Plumlee made motion, Deborah Walsh seconded, unanimous: 8.26pm