

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION  
OMAHA, NE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Date of Meeting:** Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 4:00pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 4:00pm

**Present:** (LF) Larry Ferguson, (RC) Robert Carlson, (KE) Kristina Engler, (MM) Mike Markey, (SR) Sara Rogers, (KC) Karin Campbell, (KP) Kristin Pluhacek, (HB) Holly Barrett, (EL) Emily Longe

**Absent:**

**Staff Present:** (JB) Jill Burgin, Special Projects Coordinator, (PS) Pat Slaven, Park Planner II

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CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by LF.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes approved (KC) moved, (KE) seconded.

**PUBLIC ART PROJECTS**

***New Business***

1) PAC 2017 Chairperson and Vice Chair Nomination

After a unanimous vote, the PAC has chosen Chairperson, Larry Ferguson, and Vice Chairperson, Mike Markey.

2) Cassils

- a) (HB) believes the Cassils performance needs a lot more logistics figured out before approval. Until more questions are answered, Holly will keep inviting Alex back to her downtown meetings.
- b) (KC) volunteered to reach out individually to Alex to meet and talk about the details of the project.
- c) Alex Priest invited the PAC to a special private coffee with Cassils on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am at the Bemis Center.

3) Public Art Plaque Order

- a) Based off of previous use, (PS) & (LF) suggests plaques be made of the 2 color designed plastic plaques due to their durability.
- b) More research will be done by (RC) to determine the best material, size, and cost for the new plaques by February's meeting for a final vote.
- c) Bi-plastic is affordable (\$20 - 30)
  - i) Two holes for installation
  - ii) Screwed into concrete

- d) (KP) suggests including the plaque cost into the organization fee for the art piece.
  - i) Need to re-evaluate the Plaque/Donation policy.

4) Prairie Sun/ Moon

- a) Need Plaques ASAP, will need to order at next meeting
- b)

5) Vinton Street Public Art Project

- a) Needs plaque

## RESTORATION PROJECTS

1) Vanishing Point

- a) Needs repainted

- 2) (LF) will be sending out photos to the commissioners of the art pieces that need to be repaired.

3) Pencil

- a) The Mac Hornecker piece needs to be repainted. Hornecker said that Park Maintenance can repaint the piece with "any" shade of gray, if they so choose.

4) Gene Leahy Mall Sculptures and "Take a Seat" Benches

- a) The meeting with LF, HB, PS, and Brian Hartley from Park is postponed until spring, due to weather. The meeting in tales walking through the Mall and determining new locations for benches "Aha", "Goldenrod" and "Rebar", as well and moving "Shadowbox" and revisiting the "Mangonel" base drainage issue.

5) Wov!en

- a) (PS) contacted Mary Zicafoose about helping to provide labor for repairing the piece and Adrian Duran, UNO Art Faculty/Senior Theory & Art Practices Professor is going to have his senior class of art majors help renovate the piece.
- b) Adrian will work with the class on the redesign. The list of materials and estimated budget will be submitted to the city for approval in March.
- c) Cost will include professional repainting, car coating, and all new ropes and ties of a more permanent nature.
- d) The class planning sessions are scheduled for Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup>, with de-installation on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The new installation will be on April 19-22<sup>nd</sup>.

6) Frankie's Pain

- a) (HB) suggested that the plexi-glass be updated due to scratches, discoloration, and age.
- b) Tim Zweiback will need to be contacted about the repairs.

7) Rebar

- a) (PS) contacted Randy Brown for details regarding safety for the piece and he stated it was up to the City or PAC, “he does not care”.
  - b) A decision will need to be made on whether the piece should be repaired, moved, or eliminated in the spring.
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**PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE UPDATES**

1) Website(s) – Website uploaders are having a busy month and have not been able to upload the changes below.

- a) Three blank submissions created by KP need to be removed.
- b) Morton Meadows- Picture needed from Maggie Weston
- c) Florence Mural Uploaded
- d) Kent Mellows will be added by (KE)
- e) Vinton St. Project’s Omaha World Herald article uploaded
- f) (LF) needs to send the picture of “Arches” to (SR)
- g) (SR) needs panoramic picture of the Dundee Subway.
- h) Maggie Weber piece needs uploaded by (KE)

Search Engine Requirements

(SR) will ask Zack about relaxing the search requirements (i.e. lower case letters, shortened name search, and punctuation marks) for the website and making sure the website is mobile friendly. Many of the commissioners were having difficulties searching art pieces at the meeting.

Location Titles

- I. (SR) suggested adding the following locations to the website:
  - a. Elmwood
  - b. South Omaha
  - c. Benson
  - d. Aksarben
  - e. UNO Scott Campus
  - f. Midtown Crossing
  - g. N.W. Omaha
  - h. West Central Omaha
  - i. South West Omaha
  - j. Dundee/Memorial Park
  - k. Quest Center/Hilton

Archived Art Pieces

- II. PAC unanimously decided to make a “Location” option for ALL archived artwork. (SR) is taking responsibility for this role.

## Website Map

- III. Pat Slaven and Jill Burgin suggested using a similar map to Parks and Recreation for the new Public Art map. They are scheduled to meet with Mike Schonlau, GIS Coordinator and GIS Analyst, Jim Chezem on January 26<sup>th</sup> to design a new map idea for the PAC website.
  - IV. (PS) also suggested to make a separate map layout for the Hilton artwork.
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## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### 1) “.com”

- a) Do we need to keep “.com” off of all artwork on the website, or can we clarify that it is only privately owned artwork that are allowed to post their website?
- b) Ask Julie Riley on thoughts for this policy
- c) Next meeting the PAC will make decision on the new policy regarding “.com” on art work.

### 2) Public Art Tours

- a) (HB) would like to coordinate a Public Art Tour this spring and summer to tour the metro area’s artwork. This tour would be divided between all of the PAC.
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