

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

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 4:00pm
Date Issued: Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2016

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

Absent: (KC) Karin Campbell

Staff Present: (PS) Pat Slaven, Park Planner II

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

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

New Business

- 1) Vinton Street Public Art Project
 - a) Several locations between 15th and 20th Streets on Vinton St. identified for potential public art locations.
 - b) Omaha By Design has funds for one or two pieces which need to be expended by Dec. 31, 2016.
 - c) Because of short timeline, OBD will put out RFP as soon as possible with deadline for submittals on Sept. 26, 2016.
 - d) Selection committee was discussed. Representatives at the meeting who will serve on committee include HB representing the Public Art Commission. PS will represent the eventual owner of the sculpture, Omaha Parks and Recreation. KP will represent artists-at-large.
 - e) There will be a public showing and a "sticker" vote.
 - f) OBD will get approval by Public Works and Planning for selected sculpture(s).
 - g) Approval will be requested by PAC at October 13th meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Several minor edits noted. Minutes approved as amended.
HB moved, EL seconded

RESTORATION PROJECTS

- 1) Gene Leahy Mall Sculptures and "Take a Seat" Benches
 - a) Emily Burgess (EB), Special Projects Coordinator for Parks Dept., will set up a meeting with EB, LF, HB, PS, and Brian Hartley from Park Maintenance, to walk the Mall and determine new locations for benches "Aha", "Goldenrod" and "Rebar", as well as moving "Shadowbox" sculpture and revisiting the "Mangonel" base drainage issue.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE UPDATES

- 1) Website(s) – There are now 3 current uploaders among the PAC: KE, KP, and SR
- 2) Current Criteria Committee - Nothing to update

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