

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

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 4:00pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 4:00pm

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

Absent: (MM) Mike Markey, (PS) Pat Slaven, Park Planner II

Staff Present: (JB) Jill Burgin, Special Projects Coordinator

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes approved (HB) moved, (EL) seconded.

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

New Business

1) Cassils: Resilience

- a) (HB) suggests getting in contact with Traffic Control ASAP. Typically, Traffic Control needs a minimum of 6 weeks to approve a project.
- b) (LF) pointed out that before next month, Alex will need to decide on the locations, contact the OPD, Traffic Control, Public Works, Land Marks Commission, & get the Old Market Merchant final approval. If these steps are not complete before the March PAC meeting, the project will not be approved in time for Alex's deadline of the April performance.
- c) A Parade permit may be necessary since the piece will be moving and could draw a large following.
- d) Alex met with Judah Caster Co. to design the casters and plinth for the art piece. Each wheel is said to be able to support 1,000 lb and be strong/safe enough for the performer to push the piece over the uneven paved roads. The final design will be complete by next month's meeting.

2) Public Art Plaque Order

- a) (RC) will contact J.P. Cooke for price quotes on plaques similar to the 'Take a Seat' project and the 'Praxis' plaque to present at next month's meeting for a final vote.

- b) Instead of the Public Art logo, (LF) would like “publicartomaha.org” added onto the bottom of the plaques.
- 3) 'The Union for Contemporary Art's Neighborhood Arts Program'
- a) 'It Takes a Village' by Betni Kalk and 'In Loving Memory of Ty and Terri Schenzel' by Maggie Weber need to be voted on by the PAC to be included on the website.
 - b) The series also includes a mural on the side of the old Union building at 2417 Burdette, currently listed on the PAO site as 'Union Mural', along with the 'Welcome to Florence' mural that was approved in January.
- 4) Prairie Sun/ Moon
- a) Need Plaques ASAP
- 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 entails 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. 1st, March 8th, with de-installation on April 12th. The new installation will be on April 19-22nd.

- 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 Weber for final approval to upload on website
 - c) Kent Bellows will be added by (KE)
 - d) Vinton St. Project's Omaha World Herald article uploaded
 - e) (LF) needs to send the picture of "Arches" to (SR)
 - f) (SR) needs panoramic picture of the Dundee Subway.

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

Website Map

- II. Commissioners need to decide on preferred city boundaries based on “clusters” of artwork.
 - III. It was suggested that a group get together with a map to draw out the preferred boundaries to present at next month’s meeting.
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OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) “.com”
 - a) Next meeting the PAC will make decision on the new policy regarding “.com” on art work.
 - b) Ask Julie Riley on thoughts for this policy
 - 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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