

# PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Date of Meeting:** Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 4:00pm  
**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 4:00pm

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

**Absent:** (KE) Kris Engler, (KP) Kristin Pluhacek

**Staff Present:** (MP) Marquette Pick, Jen Cross, (JC)

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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 (RC) moved, (HB) seconded.

## PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

### *New Business*

- 1) Pipal Park Tunnel Mural
  - a) Weston Thomson brought forth the tunnel mural that is underway at Pipal Park.
  - b) Aerosol and acrylic latex paint used with a timeline from Sept-Nov.
  - c) The PAC did not object to the continuation of this project.
  
- 2) Gold Star Family Memorial Monument
  - a) In honor and remembrance of families who have lost a loved one to service. There are 25 monuments to date and the Millard South DECA and JROTC program is working on putting one somewhere in Omaha.
  - b) The group presented Freedom Park, Heartland of America Park, and Memorial Park as options for placing the monument.
  - c) The monument would need 40x100 foot print and is structured out of polished granite.
  - d) The Millard South groups discussed raising funds to fund the project, and to maintain the flag and lightbulbs.
  - e) Governor Pete Ricketts stated that he would financially support this project.
  - f) Jen Cross (JC) will look into this project more. There needs to be more research done with the cost of a monument of this size and placement of the monument.
  - g) The PAC motioned preliminary approval for this monument.
  
- 3) Public Art Plaques (Prairie Sun and Prairie Moon)
  - a) Marquette will coordinate plaque installation with Chris McKay in Park Maintenance and Larry Ferguson for placement.

## **OTHER ART DISCUSSIONS:**

### Rhino Chair

- 1) (MP) will coordinate a time for the PAC to look at Rhino Chair.

## **RESTORATION PROJECTS**

- 1) The PAC was able to prioritize the restoration list of the Gene Leahy Mall projects with Brian Hartley based on current budget. The following are on the list:
  - a) "Aha-MO" needs a new base.
  - b) "Shadowbox" will be moved close to the water and away from the trees/wall.
  - c) "Golden Rod" will be painted and relocated.
  - d) "Vanishing Point" will be removed and taken to Brian Hartley's shop where it can be sandblasted and repainted with bright orange epoxy paint, followed by a clear coat.
  - e) "O'mage" will be painted.

"Frankie's" Pain and "Pencil" were not top priority but will be kept on the list for now.

## **PUBLIC ART WEBSITE**

- a) (MP) reached out to Jim Dolinski with DotComm about switching server over
- b) (HB) Discussion of the Downtown Improvement District applying for a grant on behalf of the PAC and handling where the money would be dispersed, i.e. website and other art pieces.

## **PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE UPDATES**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURN**