

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

**Date of Meeting:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 4:00pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 11, 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

**Absent:** (HB) Holly Barrett, , (EL) Emily Longe, (PS) Pat Slaven, Park Planner II

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

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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, (RC) seconded.

**PUBLIC ART PROJECTS**

***New Business***

- 1) Public Art Plaque material
  - a) (RC) brought images of bent metal based plaques with etched text as an example of what the new plaques could be made of.
  - b) Based off of previous use, (PS) suggests plaques be made of the 2 color designed plastic plaques due to their durability.
  - c) More research will be done by (RC) to determine the best material, size, and cost for the new plaques.
- 2) Cassils
  - a) (KC) suggests working with Public Works on the final route of the performance. The line of sight is a concern at this time.
  - b) (KP) is concerned with the artist/performers safety during the performance. (LF) suggests getting a security officer as well as insuring the locking mechanism on the cart/plinth is secure. Due to theft or vandalism, the piece will need to be properly secure.
  - c) Alex is still working with the artist on whether or not the piece will stay out a day, week, month, etc.
  - d) Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts will be taking FULL liability coverage over this piece.
  - e) The Old Market Merchant Association will need to approve of the performance and art piece, as well as the approval and signature from the individual business that the art piece will be in front of.
  - f) The PAC voted unanimously for temporary approval until the next visit.

- g) Alex will need to have a FINAL map, the landmarks commission approval sign-off, and the police approval before next meeting.
- 3) Vinton Street Public Art Project
  - a) They will be drilling for the sculpture next week.
  - b) A 2ft concrete pad will be poured under the platform.

## RESTORATION PROJECTS

- 1) (LF) will be sending out photos to the commissioners of the art pieces that need to be repaired.
  - 2) Pencil
    - a) The Mac Hornecker piece needs to be repainted.
  - 3) 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 takes walking through the Mall and determining new locations for benches "Aha", "Goldenrod" and "Rebar", as well and moving "Shadowbox" sculpture and revisiting the "Mangonel" base drainage issue.
  - 4) Mangonel
    - a) (HB) reported graffiti damage to both the OPD and the graffiti line.
  - 5) Wov!en
    - a) (PS) is going to contact Mary Zicafoose about helping to provide labor for repairing the piece.
  - 6) Frankie's Pain
    - a) (HB) suggested that the plexi-glass be updated due to scratches, discoloration, and age.
  - 7) Shadow Box
    - a) (LF) Noted that the sculpture needs to be relocated to another area of the plaza to avoid further graffiti.
  - 8) Rebar
    - a) (PS) will contact Randy Brown for details regarding safety for the piece.
    - b) A decision will need to be made on whether the piece should be repaired, moved, or eliminated.
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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) Praxis needs photo updated.
    - b) Three blank submissions created by KP need to be removed.
    - c) Morton Meadows- Picture needed from Maggie Weston
    - d) North Omaha Mural Project, 'Welcome to Florence'
    - e) Kent Mellows will be added by (KE)
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## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1) Website Titles

(SR) and (LF) suggest that the "Downtown" location online be re-evaluated.

  - a) (SR) advises that commissioners look where clusters are located for the "new" location title.
  - b) North of 680?
  - c) Florence section?
- 2) "Archive" Come Back
  - a) Do we bring back "archived" pieces on website?
    - i) Example: Surgeon Bike Rack, should we list that the piece has been removed?
  - b) Title Past Projects on the website
    - i) (SR) will add the Archives to the website
- 3) Plaques for Prairie Sun/ Moon Needed
  - a) Need Plaques ASAP, will need to order at next meeting
  - b) Bi-plastic is affordable (\$20 - 30)
    - i) Two holes for installation
    - ii) Screwed into concrete
  - c) (KP) suggests including the plaque cost into the organization fee for the art piece.
    - i) Need to re-evaluate the Plaque/Donation policy.
  - d) (RC) is working on the design of the new plaques.
- 4) ".com"
  - a) Need to keep ".com" off of all artwork

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