

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

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 4:00pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 4:00pm

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes approved. SR moved, HB 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) North Omaha Mural Project, 'Welcome to Florence'
 - a) (KP) and (KE) suggested including this art piece onto the PAO website
 - b) (KP) will reach out to the artist, Christine Thornberg on whether she would approve of her art being showcased on the website.
 - c) The PAC will need to review and vote on this piece at the next meeting before placing it on the website.
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RESTORATION PROJECTS

- 1) Gene Leahy Mall Sculptures and "Take a Seat" Benches
 - a) Jill Burgin has been asked to set up a meeting with 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 and moving "Shadowbox"

sculpture and revisiting the "Mangonel" base drainage issue. The meeting is to be held on December 7th at 3pm.

- 2) Mangonel
 - a) (HB) reported graffiti damage to both the OPD and the graffiti line.
 - 3) Wov!en
 - a) (PS) is going to contact Mary Zicafoose about helping to provide labor for repairing the piece.
 - 4) Frankie's Pain
 - a) (HB) suggested that the plexi-glass be updated do to scratches, discoloration, and age.
 - 5) Shadow Box
 - a) (LF) Noted that the sculpture needs to be relocated to another area of the plaza to avoid further graffiti.
 - 6) 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) Dundee Community Garden added.
 - b) Praxis needs photo updated.
 - c) Three blank submissions created by KP need to be removed.
 - d) Morton Meadows
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OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) Website of artist on artwork
 - a) Are we still okay with the policy referring to the “.com” in the corners of artwork?

Current Criteria Committee - Nothing to update

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