

# **PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 4:00pm**

City of Omaha Parks & Recreation Department  
Conference Room 701 – 1819 Farnam Street

## ***Minutes***

### **I. Roll Call**

Present: Barrett, Engler, Ferguson, Pluhacek, Markey, Rogers  
Absent: Campbell, Longe

### **II. April Minutes**

Pluhacek motions to approve. Rogers seconds.

### **III. “Sidewalk Talk”- Paige Reitz, The Union for Contemporary Art**

Four poems will be selected to be stamped into sidewalks throughout neighborhoods located in North Omaha. Each poet will receive \$200.00 for their poem and each poem will be stamped (repeated) four times. The City of Omaha Public Works Department is working with Ms. Reitz in stamping these poems in sidewalks already scheduled for repair. Stamps will be made of plastic. The Union will cover the cost of the square of concrete and the stamp. Each square will be treated to last anywhere from 10-15 years by the Public Works Department. Decision was made unanimously for a preliminary approval until July for further discussion.

### **IV. Old Market Banners- Peggy Pawloski**

Banners are in discussion of a new location. Of the 29 chosen banners, it is preferred that 10 stay together and not separated. A vote was made and approved for current installation and will be tabled for next month. Barrett and Pawloski were working on making a small list of potential locations to submit before next meeting.

### **V. Website Updates: Sara Rogers and Kristina Engler**

Rogers plans on posting new and updated photos on the website. Additional images will be emailed to both Rogers and Engler from Ferguson. Engler needs to photograph Germ in its current location and upload it to the website

### **VI. 2016 Restoration Project Updates**

Tabled for next month

### **VII. Public Art Criteria Committee Updates**

Appropriateness was debated on whether or not to be added to the description, but a decision was not made. “Does” Include Monuments, should be added to the definition of Public Art.

**VIII. Commissioner Terms**

Vote for Chair – Unanimous- Larry Ferguson

Vote for Vice Chair- Unanimous- Michael Markey

Non-profit Art Organization Commissioner- TBD- Tabled for next month

**IX. Other Business**

Golden Rod- Discussion on moving the art piece due to vandalism by skateboarders. Barrett is diagramming up a plan to give to Pat Slaven to have the piece moved next to the cascades. Because Golden Rod was in a great place for a piece of art, but unfortunately was abused do to skate boarders; a new piece is suggested to go there, just not decided on.