

Public Arts Board Minutes

Public Meeting on Zoom – May 19th, 2021

A. Roll Call:

Members Present: Barbara Heller, Monica Neville, Annie VanGeldereren, Anne Ritchie, Marla Kaftan, Hadley Lovell (Student Rep)

Members Absent: Natalie Bishae, Peggy Daitch, Jason Eddleston, Nora Sherifaj (Student Rep)

Administration: Brooks Cowan, City Planner

B. Approval of Minutes – April 21st, 2021

Board members pointed out that there is no space in the name VanGeldereren.

Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Annie VanGeldereren, seconded by Monica Neville.

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0

The motion carried.

C. New Business

The Public Arts Board reviewed applications for 5 new sculptures. Birmingham resident Sue Marx had indicated an interest in donating two of her husband's sculptures to the City when she is no longer a resident. She and the City is not certain of the timeline when this will occur, therefore staff and the Board agreed that location could be discussed at a later time such as July 2021, and they would not be considered part of the Call For Entry Funding.

Staff indicated that "Stations" by Roland Bierman would not be appropriate for the City given its religious context, and the Public Arts Board concurred.

The Board was amenable to "Cor-ten Steel Horse" by Barry Harrison but wanted to know more about the sculpture. The Board requested that more detailed photos be provided of the sculpture. The Board thought that Poppleton Park at the intersection of Woodward and Madison could be a good location, however they were not sure if the 6' x 6' pad would be large enough. Staff noted they would try to obtain necessary base dimensions and detailed photos.

In regards to "Communications Vine" by Eric Troffkin, the Arts Board was concerned about people climbing on the sculpture. There was also discussion related to how the piece would fit into the aesthetics of the area. The 25 foot length could fit in the area south of the 555 building, however the Arts Board did not want to take any definitive action at the time.

No formal motion was made to recommend any sculpture at this time. The Arts Board wanted to wait another month to provide time for other applicants and to possibly consider other locations for the sculptures.

D. Unfinished Business

The Public Arts Board discussed coordinating volunteers at the Farmers Market. Staff indicated they would send out a google sign up sheet for Board members to coordinate volunteer times. The Board agreed that the 3rd Sunday of every month would be best for their schedules. Staff would drop off materials for the Board members to put into hand-out packets.

The meeting concluded at 7:45pm.

APPROVED