

Public Arts Board Minutes

Public Meeting on Zoom – June 16th, 2021

A. Roll Call:

Members Present: Barbara Heller, Monica Neville, Annie VanGeldereren, Anne Ritchie, Marla Kaftan, Peggy Daitch, Jason Eddleston, Nora Sherifaj (Student Rep)

Members Absent: Natalie Bishae, Hadley Lovell (Student Rep)

Administration: Brooks Cowan, City Planner

B. Approval of Minutes – May 19th, 2021

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

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

The motion carried.

C. New Business

The Public Arts Board reviewed applications for sculptures on loan. 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 Board did not feel it met what they envisioned for the area in front of the 555 building that acts as a gateway to the City. There was general consensus that "Communications Vine" would not be recommended for approval. Staff would notify the artist and thank the artist for applying.

The Board then reviewed artist Helen Hierta's application to loan three of her meditation pole sculptures. The Board liked the look of the sculptures, however there was general consensus that the locations in the Call for Entry were not ideal for these sculptures. The Board believed Hierta's work would be best served near entrances to trails, similar to the examples in the application. Staff noted they would bring back locations and photos near trail entryways at the next meeting.

The next sculpture for review was "Cor-ten" Steel Horse by Barry Harrison. The Board reviewed this sculpture at the last meeting and was considering the location at Poppleton Park. The Board requested more detailed photos and information about how it would fit on the base pad for Poppleton Park before making a final recommendation. Detailed photos of the sculpture were provided as well as an illustration of how the legs of the sculpture would fit the base pad. The Board felt the sculpture would be a great addition to the park and would mesh well with the background when viewed from Woodward.

A motion to recommend "Cor-ten Steel Horse" to be located at Poppleton Park as a part of the art on loan program for the City's Call-for-Entry was made by Peggy Daitch, seconded by Annie VanGelderren.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

The motion carried.

D. Communications

The Public Arts Board requested that the City's Communications Department make a public post advertising Cultural Arts Awards nominations. Staff notified the Board that sculpture location near S. Old Woodward and Woodward would be mentioned in discussions for Phase 4 repaving. Pyramid Earth installation was approved and would move forward in July, 2021.

The meeting concluded at 7:45pm.

APPROVED