

Public Arts Board

Minutes – December 16, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

A. Roll Call –

Members Present: Barbara Heller, Maggie Mettler, Sally Parsons, Linda Wells and Maya Salinas (Student Representative)

Members Absent: Phyllis Klinger, Diane Kowaleski, Kara Lividini and Sydney Rosen (Student Representative)

Administration: Matt Baka, Sean Campbell

B. Approval of Minutes –

Motioned by Barbara Heller, seconded by Linda Wells, to approve the minutes.

Yeas: 4 Nays: 0

C. Unfinished Business

1) Birmingham In Stitches – Linda Wells reported on the success of the 2015 program, for which she served as the chair. BPL held its own yarn bombing event in May since the citywide yarnbombing was postponed from the spring to the fall. *Birmingham In Stitches* was installed the week of 16 September, coincided with the Birmingham Street Art Fair, and was deinstalled 11 October. The program included partnerships with Historical Museum and St. James Church, with city approved yarn bombing locations on Merrill St. between Woodward, the Pierce/Townsend parking lot plaza, plus the granite balls and metal chairs in Shain Park. There were forty-two participants who donated their time and talent by knitting and crocheting. JoAnn Fabrics, Meijer's, and Walmart supported the event by donating gift cards and discount coupons for the purchase of yarn. The city made ID tags with titles and participant names for each of the installations. Remaining yarn, reusable portions of installations, and additional supplies will be stored by the city for future use. Event pictures were sent to Marianne Gamboa for posting on the city website and press releases were published in the Eagle and Eccentric newspapers.

A 'Thank You' reception for the participants was hosted by Annie VanGelderen at the BBAC on 12 November 2015. Lori Rondello, Birmingham Principal Shopping District Events Manager, invited the Shain Park yarn bombers to decorate the balls for the holidays starting with the Winter Markt. This installation will be up until 4 Jan 2016 and

PAB has already been asked to do it again next year. This event attracted many families and had resonated very well with children.

2) Richard Rollins – Application to display art on public property

Richard Rollins's sculpture was approved for installation with the proposed location of Linden Park. The owner/artist will be contacted for installation requirements.

3) Cityscapes Charity Fundraiser

Barbara Heller reported on the PAB/CCBB Cityscapes Charity Fundraiser that is scheduled to take place February 17th -20th at Sindibads on 14 Mile Road.

4) Christopher Yockey

Christopher Yockey sent his thanks to DPS for the use of their forklift while he touched up his sculpture, *The Counselor*, that is installed on the N. Old Woodward parking structure.

5) CityScapes Sculpture Update

Sally Parsons searched for CityScapes contracts in CCBB folder but could not locate them. Heller subsequently called the former CCBB president who said she had given the entire file to the City before she had moved out of town. The Board will coordinate with Joe Valentine to receive copies of the contracts, as some will need to be renewed.

D. New Business

1) Jay Lefkowitz Sculpture – Mr. and Mrs. Heidrich, long-time residents of Birmingham, have offered to donate a 1989 corten steel sculpture by Jay Lefkowitz entitled *Sound Heart* to the city. The Board will refer to the potential art installation map created by PAB and make a recommendation to the city commission for its location.

Motion to proceed by Sally Parsons, seconded by Barbara Heller

Yeas: 4 Nays: 0

To expedite the process, Heller had been requested to contact the artist about the proposed donation and reinstallation of his work. The donors will be asked to submit a continuation form and have the artist work with DPS to remove the sculpture.

E. Communication

2016 Meeting Schedule – The board agreed to keep its meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month in 2016.

Chalk Project – Linda Wells recommended that this program be planned early in the year. The event would be held in Shain Park rather than on public sidewalks. The Board would need to partner with CCBB or the PSD in order to raise \$5,000 to pay for a chalk drawing artist and supplies.

Tentative date would be June or Early July.

Board should seek sponsors.

F. Public Comments

N/A

G. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Maggie Mettler, seconded by Sally Parsons.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.