

Public Arts Board

Minutes – April 20, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

A) Roll Call –

Members Present: Barbara Heller, Maggie Mettler, Linda Wells, Diane Kowaleski, and Eva Suchara (Student Representative)

Members Absent: Phyllis Klinger

Administration: Sean Campbell, Assistant City Planner

B) Approval of Minutes – No action was taken on minutes. Postponed until next meeting.

C) Unfinished Business

“Sound Heart” Sculpture by Jay Lefkowitz

The board discussed potential sites for the Jay Lefkowitz sculpture. Barbara Heller suggested the pocket park on E. Brown Street by the Pierce Street Parking Lot as a possible location. Sean Campbell informed the Board that the site plan for Kroger in Birmingham (at the northeast corner of E. Maple Road and Woodward Avenue) approved the plaza as a site for a public sculpture.

The board agreed that the corner of Woodward and E. Maple would be a good location as it would fulfill the donors’ wishes to have the piece installed near the All Seasons apartment building. Barbara Heller requested that Sean Campbell contact Kroger about the proposed installation of the piece in their plaza and to gather any additional information as necessary.

Motion by Maggie Mettler, to formally accept the Jay Lefkowitz sculpture entitled *Sound Heart* and to recommend the site at the northeast corner of Woodward and E. Maple, provided that Kroger will agree to partner with the City.

Seconded by Linda Wells

Yeas: 4 Nays: 0

D) **New Business**

Lecture at Birmingham Public Library

Ms. Heller announced that she will be giving a lecture at the Baldwin Public Library on Wednesday June 8th at 7:00 PM. The lecture will provide an update on the public art installations throughout the City.

Around the Town e-Newsletter story about Sound Heart

Mr. Campbell reported that he had written an article about the *Sound Heart* sculpture that was published in the February 2016 edition of the Around the Town e-newsletter. The article explained that the sculpture had been reviewed and subsequently approved by the Public Arts Board and included a photograph.

E) **Committee Reports**

CCBB/PAB Charity Poker Fundraiser

Ms. Heller reported that the Birmingham/Bloomfield Cultural Council/PAB charity poker event that took place February 17 – 20 at Sindibads had generated \$1,512. The Birmingham/Bloomfield Cultural Council is not scheduled for another charity poker tournament for this quarter. Ms. Heller will follow up on a date sometime between June and September.

Ms. Heller reported low attendance for this tournament as it was the first time at this location. Future events could take place at either Mr. B's in Royal Oak or Sindibad's in Troy.

The Board extended its gratitude to those who were involved in the event.

F) **Communication**

Public Arts Map

Ms. Heller inquired about the whether the PAB sculpture map had been updated. Mr. Campbell distributed a print-out of the updated map and confirmed that *Journey Home* is now shown at the BPL and *Break Away – Form #3* had been added to the map at Eton and Lincoln.

The map will be updated again as soon as City Commission approves the Lefkowitz sculpture and its proposed location.

Richard Rollins

Maggie Mettler inquired about the status of the Richard Rollins piece that is proposed for Linden Park. Mr. Campbell reported no update on this matter. The Board requested a status report on the Richard Rollins sculptures and any necessary information about the piece to aid in the installation of the piece.

Gary Kulak – Chair Sculpture

The Board expressed that they are still interested in Gary Kulak's piece and would like it to be installed at Barnum Park where trees were removed for a concrete pad.

Insurance Contracts

The Board requested Mr. Campbell to obtain and provide copies of the CityScapes loan agreements for all sculptures at the next meeting.

Birmingham Chalk Project

The Board expressed that they want to hold a Chalk Project event this year. The event has been postponed from the tentative date until volunteers come forth to help organize.

Outgoing Board Members

The PAB would like to thank former PAB members Sally Parsons, who served 2 terms on the board and as the CC/BB representative for 12 years, and, to Kara Lividini for her service. The PAB would also like to extend its thanks to PAB student representatives, Sydney Rosen and Maya Salinas, for their service on the board during the 2015 calendar year.

(H) Public Comments

N/A

G) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Diane Kowaleski, seconded by Maggie Mettler.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM