

# Public Arts Board

## Minutes – October 19, 2016

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Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM

**A) Roll Call –**

**Members Present:** Barbara Heller, Maggie Mettler, Linda Wells, Anne Ritchie, Mary Roberts

**Members Absent:** Phyllis Klinger, Eva Suchara (Student Representative)

**Administration:** Sean Campbell, Assistant City Planner

**Audience Member(s):** Cindy Rose (The Community for Barnum Park)

**The Public Arts Board welcomed new member Mary Roberts to the board.**

**B) Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2016; September 21, 2016**

Motioned by Maggie Mettler, seconded by Anne Ritchie, to approve the April 20, 2016 minutes with changes.

Yeas: ~~4~~ 5      Nays: 0

Motioned by Anne Ritchie, seconded by Maggie Mettler, to approve the September 21, 2016 minutes with changes.

Yeas: ~~4~~ 5      Nays: 0

**C) Unfinished Business**

**Gary Kulak Sculpture “Pride” – Circular Pad**

Sean Campbell provided an update on the proposed concrete pad for Barnum Park. He informed the board that he had been coordinating with the Building Department and DPS to get the appropriate dimensions and the quotes for the circular concrete pad. He further explained that funding requests to the City that do not exceed \$6,000 are not required to undergo City Commission review and therefore funds could be authorized by DPS from its Parks and Recreation Contractual Services budget.

At this time, a quote was received by Holsbeke Construction Company for \$5,425 for a 9' diameter, 42" depth circular concrete pad with exposed aggregate finish. Mr. Campbell advised that the City generally requires receipt of three quotes to confirm that the proposed work will be done at the least expensive rate and that he was waiting to hear back from two other companies for the same project. ~~But~~ Since the first quote does not exceed \$6,000, it is possible for DPS to authorize funds to pay for the full cost of the pad up front on the condition that The Community for Barnum Park will reimburse the City for half as a donation.

Cindy Rose informed that a **two** donors came through with a generous contributions to the Community for Barnum Park ~~to pay for the construction~~ **towards the cost** of the pad.

Gary Kulak emailed Sean Campbell recommending having the pad extend 6" above grade ~~instead of having it flush with grade~~. The Board felt it was best to have it ~~stay~~ at-grade following the Building Department's advice.

Mr. Campbell advised that a memo requesting approval of the sculpture at the proposed location would be on the October 27, **2016** City Commission agenda.

## **D) New Business**

### **Chalk Project**

Barbara Heller reported that the event would require approximately \$5,000 **to pay** for chalk and to have an artist come ~~and~~ do a demonstration. The event would garner the best turnout if it is held towards the end of the school year between May and June, **2017**.

No actions were taken and further discussion about the Chalk Project was tabled until more information from volunteers and possible sponsors materialized.

### **PAB/CCBB Charity Poker Tournament**

Ms. Heller reported that the **next fundraising** tournament will ~~still~~ be held at Sindibads from December 21<sup>st</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>. An application ~~for the tournament~~ has been submitted to the Michigan Gaming Control Board and is awaiting approval pending an **CCBB** address change. Ms. Heller also advised that ~~CCBB~~ **Fire & Ice, LLC** will not be holding the tournament at Sindibads in the future due to not enough people attending.

~~CCBB~~ **They have** decided that the new ~~location of the fundraising event~~ **location** will be at 5 Star Lanes in Sterling Heights, as they felt it would get the regular players from Sindibads and Mr. B's to participate. Ms. Heller has declined to ask for a date between January and March, **2017** for the next fundraiser due to it being too close to the December, **2016 fundraiser**. The next tournament will likely take place sometime between April and June, **2017**.

### **Birmingham In Stitches**

Linda Wells provided a summary of the last **Birmingham** In Stitches program that was held ~~around Birmingham~~ in late September 2015. The biennial event involves a series of "yarn-bombing" in which various items like trees and parking meters are covered in acrylic yarn knitting by volunteers. She explained that the City Commission approved a list of items on public property that ~~were approved for being~~ **can be** covered in knitted yarn. Ms. Wells remarked that there has been great involvement and success with this event and that the granite balls in Shain Park were a popular item.

Ms. Wells advised that there is still leftover yarn ~~from the previous event~~ and that there is one \$50 gift card to Walmart to help purchase yarn for the 2017 event. While the most inexpensive yarn should be purchased for the event, it must also be acrylic ~~so that~~ **because** it does not easily deteriorate when it gets wet from rain.

Ms. Wells presented a list of current and proposed locations for yarn bombing for the upcoming third biennial event in 2017. Following tradition, the Board discussed holding the event in late September/early October, **2017** to coincide with the weekend of the Common Ground Art Fair again. The dates and new items/locations will need to be approved the City Commission.

Anne Ritchie has agreed to co-chair this program and coordinate ~~with~~ the volunteers ~~of~~ **for** the **Birmingham** In Stitches event.

#### **F) Communication**

No communication.

#### **(H) Public Comments**

N/A

#### **G) Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM