

Public Arts Board Minutes

Rooms 202 & 203 Birmingham City Hall –December 19th, 2018

A. Roll Call:

Members Present: Rabbi Baruch Cohen, Monica Neville, Linda Wells, Jason Eddleston, Amelia Berry (Student),

Members Absent: Anne Ritchie, Mary Roberts, Jason Eddleston, Cole Wohlfiel (Student)

Administration: Brooks Cowan, City Planner

B. Approval of Minutes – November 14th, 2018

The Board wanted the comments of Cindy Rose moved from the comments section to the New Business Section. Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Linda Wells, seconded by Monica Neville.

Yeas: 4 Nays: 0

The motion carried.

C. Unfinished Business

The Public Arts Board committee reports began with the Alleys and Passages groups.

It was reported that Cole Wohlfiel was coordinating with the Seaholm National Art Honors Society, Seaholm Art Club, and Seaholm Music and Stage Performance Club. He is also working on coordinating with Groves High School. Once they have a plan they would like to meet with local property owners.

The branding group is waiting on approval of addendum signatures from artists who have loaned sculptures before printing material. The branding group would also like to sit down with City staff and go over the website design.

Public art tours and lectures, Art gallery tours, and Artistic self-expression had no update. Free pianos would be discussed later on.

The Public Arts Board had previously approved a budget request of \$20,000/year to construct base pads to host sculptures on loan. The process of this budget request was described to board members, with a request due date beginning of January and a Budget hearing meeting on a Saturday sometime in March. It was noted by the Board that it would be helpful if members showed up to voice their support at the budget meeting. The final decision would be made in June for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2019. The size and location of pads would be determined by the Board once City the funding is approved by City Commission.

The Art Board has been exploring ways to market its sculpture program to the community and create a better brand for Art in Public Spaces. The Board examined an example packet from the City of Southfield and discussed putting together a similar packet. They wanted to make a mobile

friendly packet similar, but first want to finalize having correct information. They also mentioned changes needed to be made to the current Art in Public Spaces packet due to photos of sculptures that have been removed. A Memo including the table of information would be included in the next month's meeting packet.

The Piano group postponed until more members from their group showed up.

The Board wanted to see if BSD was willing to donate a gift card for the electrical box design competition. The Board will wait to see about a donation before deciding on amount from their budget. Board members also said they would talk with their network about hosting a design competition and then put together guidelines next meeting about commissioning work for the site. They would like the theme of the electrical box to capture the essence of the area.

Communication

Sound Heart was installed at Kroger. The Board wanted to send a thank you note to Kroger and notify the donors about the installation.

Eastern Hophornbeam is still waiting to be installed.

Michigan Spring was approved by City Commission for the Library. The Engineering Department is planning to inspect the base of the sculpture and the pad at the library to determine how to install it. The Art Board wants to know how high the base of the sculpture will be and wants to contact donor about height of sculpture.

Comments

The Board is grateful for the student representatives and would love the student representatives to stick around be involved.

The Art Board raised \$3,300 at their poker fundraiser.

D. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Brooks Cowan
City Planner