

Public Arts Board Minutes

Rooms 202 & 203 Birmingham City Hall – April 18th, 2018

A. Roll Call:

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

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

Administration: Jana Ecker, Planning Director
Brooks Cowan, City Planner

B. Approval of Minutes – March 21st, 2018

Motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended for March 21st, 2018 was made by Linda Wells, seconded by Monica Neville.

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0

The motion carried.

C. Committee Report

The Public Space Activation Committee created a survey to gauge Public Art Board members' interest in various projects and whether or not they would be willing to volunteer. Members of the Board were asked to fill out the survey and submit their response to the Planning Department by Monday April 23rd. The results would be reviewed at the next Sub-Committee meeting and the findings would then be presented with recommendations at the next Public Arts Board meeting.

D. New Business

The joint committee for the Public Arts Board and Library Board wished to create an informational document for an open call for sculpture applications at the Library. Members of the Public Arts Board asked for a second photo to be added to the document that showed the installation pad without *Journey Home*. Barbara Heller agreed to take a photo of the vacant site and submit it to the Planning Department. Once this was included it would be ready to be posted on the website and social media.

Members of the Board discussed trying to coordinate international sculpture day with the unveiling of Gary Kulak's *Windswept* at Barnum Park. It was reported that Gary Kulak wished to give a talk about the piece at 1pm, Saturday April, 28th. This time conflicted with the City of Birmingham's annual budget meeting; therefore City Commission members would not be able to attend. The Board recommended postponing the official unveiling ceremony until later in the year when the landscaping at Barnum Park would be completed.

It was also recommended that the City make a posting on the social media account about International Sculpture Day and include a photo of a Birmingham sculpture.

Communication

The *Eastern Hophornbeam* was approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on April 3rd, 2018. Tim Hill of Hill Gallery needs to sign the installation and maintenance agreement, as well as provide documentation that Hill Gallery may act as a representative for Robert Lobe and the *Eastern Hophornbeam*.

The Communications Director for the City of Birmingham included a memo explaining how the City wants all social media posts for the Public Arts Board to go through the City's main facebook page, and does not want to create a separate facebook page for the Public Arts Board.

E. Comments

Suggestions were made for updating the map and descriptions of sculptures throughout Birmingham.

Prioritizing projects that the Board could allocate its budget towards was also brought up. It was recommended that budget spending should go along with the prioritized projects that would be presented at the next meeting.

F. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Brooks Cowan
City Planner