

Public Arts Board Minutes

Rooms 202 & 203 Birmingham City Hall – May 16th, 2018

A. Roll Call:

Members Present: Rabbi Baruch Cohen, Monica Neville, Linda Wells, Barbara Heller, Natalie Bishae, 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 – April 21st, 2018

Motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended for April 21st, 2018 was made by Linda Wells, seconded by Rabbi Baruch Cohen.

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 filled out the survey and submitted their response to the Planning Department. The results were tallied and then reviewed by the Sub-Committee, who created a ranking of projects and suggested group members for each project based upon who volunteered. The projects were prioritized and divided up as such:

Alleyway Project: Rabbi Cohen, Jason Eddleson, Cole Wohlfiel, Amelia Barrie

PAB Branding: Monica Neville, Anne Ritchie

Public Art Tours & Lectures: Barbara Heller and Linda Wells

Art Gallery Tours: Rabbi Cohen and Jason Eddleson

Artistic Self Expression: Natalie Bishai, Rabbi Cohen, Amelia Berry, Cole Wohlfiel

Free Pianos: Jason Eddelson, Rabbi Cohen, Amelia Berry

The Public Art Board members then agreed that each group would complete a goals, implementation plan, and budget form for review at the next meeting.

D. New Business

The Public Arts Board discussed changing the sub-committee name from "Public Space Activation Committee" to the "Forward Planning Sub-Committee." It was decided that the word 'Forward' would be removed, and the name would be "Planning Sub-Committee."

Motion was made by Rabbi Baruch Cohen to change the name of the Public Space Activation Committee to "Planning Sub-Committee." Motion was seconded by Monica Neville.

Motion Passed 6-0

The Board considered how to spend their \$5,000 budget for the remainder of the year. They were notified that they had yet to use any funds, and need to do so before June 30, 2017. It was decided that each project group that had been determined in the committee report would submit a budget request. These requests would then be reviewed and allocated at the next meeting.

Communication

Kroger notified the Planning Department that they have received architectural renderings for the installation of *Soundheart*. Now they need budget approval for installation costs in order to proceed with the last step of installation.

The Eastern Hophornbeam was approved by City Commission, the artist needs to submit detailed drawings of the footings and footing attachments for final approval by Engineering and Building Department.

Comments

Winter Market has eight volunteers so far to help knit covers for the granite balls in Shain Park. They will be installing after Thanksgiving and then removing them early January.

E. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Brooks Cowan
City Planner