

## Public Arts Board Minutes

**Rooms 202 & 203 Birmingham City Hall – June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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### A. Roll Call:

**Members Present:** Rabbi Baruch Cohen, Monica Neville, Linda Wells, Barbara Heller, Anne Ritchie, Amelia Berry (Student), Cole Wohlfel (Student)

**Members Absent:** Mary Roberts, Jason Eddleston

**Administration:** Brooks Cowan, City Planner

### B. Approval of Minutes – May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Amendments were suggested to the minutes. Natalie Bishai was present at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and Amelia Berry's name was misspelled.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 was made by Linda Wells, seconded by Monica Neville.

**Yeas: 6            Nays: 0**

The motion carried.

### C. Committee Report

The Public Arts Board had previously divided themselves into groups for various projects that they would like to accomplish. Each group put together a general outline and presented their short term goals, long term goals, and requested budget.

The alleyway group walked all of the alleys in downtown and thought the alley between Merrill and Brown would be a good location for an event. They also liked the alley behind Peabody Street. The group indicated they would like to coordinate with owners of buildings along the alleys in order to further their plans.

The branding group presented proposals of various images for posters and flyers, as well as line item budget for flyers, pamphlets, posters, and flags. Content related to the photos and paintings of the City's public art was discussed. The group said that they would submit image proposals for next month's agenda in order for the Board to vote on.

Public arts tours and lectures group stated they would like to give one lecture at the library this year.

Art gallery tours are a work in progress, still discussing ideas.

Artistic self-expression would like to pick 3 Shain Park concerts and set up an art booth. Get photos of city icons and turn them into coloring images that kids could color in. Being active in the September art fair is another goal. They would like to do birdhouse projects and chalk in the park as well.

Free pianos are also a work in progress as the group has been in contact with the person who is in charge of the program in Royal Oak.

#### **D. New Business**

The Public Arts Board then decided on how to allocate its \$5,000 budget. A few of the subgroups had submitted budget requests but there still was funding remaining. Barbara Heller recommended allocating \$1,000 to be spent on plaques for the new sculptures. The alleyways group requested the remaining \$200 for lights.

**A motion was made by Rabbi Baruch Cohen and seconded by Linda Wells to approve:**

**\$3,250 for the marketing and branding group;  
\$550 for public arts self-expression;  
\$200 for alleys and passageways;  
\$1000 for sculpture plaques for the purpose of public art.**

**Motion passed 5-0**

#### **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 the Engineering and Building Department.

#### **E. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

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Brooks Cowan  
City Planner