

Public Arts Board Minutes

Rooms 202 & 203 Birmingham City Hall – July 25th, 2018

A. Roll Call:

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

Members Absent: Mary Roberts, Anne Ritchie

Administration: Brooks Cowan, City Planner

B. Approval of Minutes – June 20th, 2018

Motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended for June 20th, 2018 was made by Jason Eddleston, seconded by Monica Neville.

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0

The motion carried.

C. Committee Report

The Public Arts Board committee reports began with the Alleys and passages groups. Rabbi Baruch Cohen indicated that he would like to get ahold of the property owners along the alleys of Café Via and 220 Merrill. Mr. Cowan indicated he would look that up and get back to him in an email.

The branding group indicated concern about handing out pamphlets and selling posters with images of loaned sculptures without the artist's consent. Mr. Cowan made note that the City Attorney has been made aware of this and is currently working on an addendum to the sculpture loan agreement between the artists and the City.

Monica Neville also brought up potential poster and pamphlet designs. There was general consensus to let the branding committee pick their favorite designs without Board Approval. The Public Arts Board agreed that they trust the professional judgement of the members of the branding group and did not want to bog down the decision making process. The committees were created to allow more productivity and autonomy in decision making.

Public art tours and lectures indicated changes for the public art map and indicated that plans are a work in progress.

Art gallery tours had no update.

Artistic self-expression indicated they plan on attending the upcoming Day on the Town and Farmers Market Meetings.

Free pianos indicated they would like a map of potential sites around Birmingham for Piano's to be placed.

D. New Business

The BSD indicated it has space for the Public Arts Board to have a table and tent at the Day on the Town event. They will have a table with a Cityscapes handout as well as easels for people to draw on. The Public Arts Board indicated they are interested in participating and will have enough volunteers to staff the event. The BSD also provided available dates for the Public Arts Board to participate in the City Farmers Market, which the Board indicated they were also interested in participating in. Mr. Cowan said he would send out a sign up sheet for each event with time slots.

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.

Robert Lobe, artist of the Eastern Hophornbeam has been in contact with City officials about installation requirements for his sculpture to be placed in Booth Park.

E. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Brooks Cowan
City Planner