

Public Arts Board Minutes

Public Meeting on Zoom – August 19th, 2020

A. Roll Call:

Members Present: Barbara Heller, Monica Neville, Jason Eddleston, Anne Ritchie, Annie VanGelderren, Linda Wells, Natalie Bishae

Members Absent:

Administration: Brooks Cowan, City Planner

Members of the Public: Kathy Walgren

B. Approval of Minutes – July 15th, 2020

Motion to approve minutes by Linda Wells, seconded by Annie Van Gelderen.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

The motion carried.

C. Unfinished Business

The Board reviewed additional sections created for their report on Terminating Vistas. A new section was added to include locations for recommended enhancements that may not currently be designated as a Terminating Vista in the Zoning Ordinance. A section for landscaping was also included. The Board agreed that it was a good idea to include locations on N. Old Woodward at Harmon and Oak, and that the other intersections also made sense. The Board also liked the new landscaping section and agreed that plantings should compliment the surrounding art, utilities and architecture.

The Board then reviewed an updated memo for considerations in a call for entry to recruit new sculptures. Linden Park, Poppleton Park, and Maple & Henrietta had previously been discussed as ideal location for recruitment. The Board also agreed that Hamilton & N. Old Woodward as well as the intersection of Woodward and S. Old Woodward would be good locations to add. Three of these locations are Terminating Vistas so the Public Arts discussed how they should wait until the Terminating Vista report is accepted before pursuing public art for these locations.

The Board then discussed requesting an installation stipend to be issued for approved art work. There was general agreement from the Board to request an approval of a \$2,000 installation stipend for artists who loan or donate their work. The Board recommended a minimum loan period of 2-3 years in order to receive a stipend. The Board also recommended including a cap on the amount insurable and to notify artists of this beforehand. These details would be included in the next meeting's call for entry draft.

D. New Business

The Board reviewed a sculpture donation made to the City by Kegham Tazian. The piece is titled Pyramid Earth and is roughly 6' in height and sits on top of a large square foundation. The Board evaluated photos of the sculpture in a park setting surrounded by trees. The Board wanted to see photos of the sculpture from the side. Members of the board also requested staff to contact the artist to see if they could visit the sculpture in person. Questions raised would be addressed by staff in the next meeting.

E. Communication

Barbara Heller indicated that her Birmingham sculpture tour for the Detroit Artist Market on July 18th, 2020 went well and that all members received a map and a poster.

F. Comments

G. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.