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## NOTICE OF MEETING - PUBLIC ARTS BOARD

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a meeting of the Public Arts Board will take place on **Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** in conference room 202/203 of the Municipal Building. Approved minutes of this meeting will be available on the City's website at [www.bhamgov.org](http://www.bhamgov.org).

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN in accordance with Act 261, 1968 Public Act 267.

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### MEETING AGENDA

**\*\*\* Board members who are not able to attend this meeting are encouraged to notify the staff representative in advance for consideration of a quorum. \*\*\***

- A. Roll Call
- B. Approval of Minutes – May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- C. Unfinished Business
  - 1. Interactive Art Projects**
  - 2. Chris Yockey's "The Counselor" relocation from N. Old Woodward Parking Structure.**
  - 3. Michigan Spring sculpture mount for library**
- D. New Business
- E. Communication
- F. Public Comments
- G. Adjournment

### **Upcoming PAB Meeting: August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

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## Public Arts Board Minutes DRAFT

Rooms 202 & 203 Birmingham City Hall – May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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### A. Roll Call:

**Members Present:** Barbara Heller, Monica Neville, Linda Wells, Anne Ritchie, Rabbi Cohen, Natalie Bishae

**Members Absent:** Jason Eddleson

**Administration:** Brooks Cowan, City Planner

### B. Approval of Minutes – March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Motion to approve minutes made by Monica Neville, seconded by Anne Ritchie.

**Yeas: 5            Nays: 0**

The motion carried.

### C. Unfinished Business

Birmingham in Stitches had received some interest from people willing to participate but the Art Board wanted a greater promotional effort online from the City. Staff agreed to put a flyer together and have it posted on the City's Facebook and website.

In regards to event planning, the Public Arts Board wanted to hold off on a Bird Street Chair Bombing event with adding a bench in the road stop. Also, Rabbi Cohen and Natalie Bishae submitted a supplies list for arts and crafts events involving pipe cleaners, brush pens, beads, and foam rods that totaled \$575. Motion to approve this amount was made by Linda Wells, seconded by Monica Neville.

Yeas: 6      Nays: 0

The motion carried.

### D. New Business

The Planning Board discussed potential locations for Chris Yockey's "The Counselor" sculpture. They asked to see more detailed plans for the parking structure site for the next meeting, as well as potential locations for a temporary sculpture location if/when the North Old Woodward parking structure is torn down. It was also noted that the artist is aware of the potential tear down of the site, and has offered to sell the sculpture to the City for \$5,500.

### E. Communication

City Commission hearing for Art in the Alley was approved, meanwhile the hearings for Piano in the Park and the painting of the electrical box are on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### F. Comments

Mark Di Suvero has indicated he will be removing his sculptures Choopy and Heart of Tetrahyden from the locations in Birmingham in July of 2019.

It was indicated that Michigan Spring should be noted as a donation from the family.

**G. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Brooks Cowan  
City Planner

DRAFT



# MEMORANDUM

Planning Division

**DATE:** July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**TO:** Public Arts Board Members

**FROM:** Brooks Cowan, City Planner

**APPROVED:** Jana Ecker, Planning Director

**SUBJECT:** Interactive Art Projects with the Community

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Members of the Public Arts Board have prioritized projects that they would like to pursue and have indicated which projects they would like to volunteer for. One of the goals for the Board has been to create more promotional material about Birmingham's Art in Public Spaces program. Upcoming events to volunteer for include the Farmers Market July 21<sup>th</sup>. The Public Arts Board will need volunteers to help operate these events if they so choose to attend. It is also recommended to set a fall schedule for volunteers.

The Public Arts Board has also indicated an interest to host arts and crafts activities at various events. As directed by the City Manager, all public expenditures from the Public Arts Board budget must be approved by City Commission. Arts and crafts materials for Art in the Alley cost \$105.7. This included face paint, streamers for decoration, Gorilla duct tape for electrical cords and wall mounted art, and then pinwheel craft material including multiple child safe scissors, hole punchers, jumbo straws, brass fasteners, and construction paper. Although the event was forced to be moved indoors due to rain, these materials can be used for arts and crafts at other events.

The Public Arts Board has also indicated an interest to host craft projects where kids can build their own mini sculptures out of pipe cleaners, beads, and foam rods. Estimated costs to do this for 100 people is roughly \$75.

**Suggested Action:**

The Public Arts Board recommend the City Commission approve an amount of money from the Board's budget to be used for Arts and Crafts. If the Public Arts Board or City Commission choose not to do so, the \$105.7 of supplies already purchased will be considered as a donation.

## Public Art Board Event Planning

### **MARCH:**

- ~~Popcorn Plans to City Commission~~
- ~~Piano Proposal to City Commission~~
- ~~Permit Application for Art in the Alley due March 21 (Done)~~

### **APRIL:**

- ~~Attend City Commission Meeting 7:30pm, Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 for hearing on Art in the Alley, Piano in the Park, and Popcorn electrical box.~~

### **MAY:**

- ~~5<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market (Sunday Morning)~~
- ~~19<sup>th</sup> Parade (Sunday Maybe a Booth)~~

### **JUNE:**

- ~~2<sup>nd</sup> Farmers Market (Sunday Morning)~~
- ~~14<sup>th</sup> Movie Night~~
- ~~20<sup>st</sup> Art in the Alley (Permit due March 21)~~

### **JULY:**

- 21st – Farmers Market
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Day on the Town (Maybe Booth?)

### **AUGUST:**

- 4th – Farmers Market
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Movie Night

### **SEPTEMBER:**

- 8th – Farmers Market
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Birmingham in Stitches

### **OCTOBER:**

- 6th – Farmers Market
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Fire Department Open House (Maybe)
- Bham Gallery Tour

### **NOVEMBER:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Friends of the Library

### **DECEMBER:**

- Holiday Market Yarn Bombing
- Ice Carving

**DATE:** July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**TO:** Public Arts Board Members

**FROM:** Brooks Cowan, City Planner

**APPROVED:** Jana Ecker, Planning Director

**SUBJECT:** Chris Yockey – The Counselor

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Chris Yockey's sculpture "The Counselor" is currently located on the east facing exterior wall of the N. Old Woodward Parking Structure. If Birmingham's vote to construct a new parking structure is approved, this sculpture will need to be taken down. "The Counselor" is different than most of the sculptures in Birmingham because it is attached to a wall instead of the ground. The dimensions of the sculpture are 12' x 5' and a 6" depth.



The proposed parking structure may be lined with commercial buildings which will create practical difficulties with replacing the sculpture in the same place once construction is finished. The exterior property facing N. Old Woodward is proposed to be privately owned.

Also, "The Counselor" is currently on loan to the City, though the artist has offered to sell this sculpture to the City of Birmingham for \$5,500.



**Suggested Action:**

That the Public Arts Board recommend to City Commission a temporary location for the sculpture to be placed while construction is occurring. The Public Arts Board may wish to evaluate a new site for the sculpture if or when construction for this site is complete. Below are a few options of public space with a blank wall large enough for the sculpture at this moment.

The Public Arts Board may also wish to recommend that City Commission purchase the sculpture for the City to own on a permanent basis. In making recommendations to move and possibly purchase the piece, the Public Arts Board should also consider who will be in charge of moving and installation.

1.) The remaining school entryway of Barham Park.



2.) West side of the Chester Fire Station on W Maple





3.) DPS Building facing Eton Street



Park Street Parking Structure





## MEMORANDUM

Planning Division

**DATE:** July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**TO:** Public Arts Board Members

**FROM:** Brooks Cowan, City Planner

**APPROVED:** Jana Ecker, Planning Director

**SUBJECT:** Michigan Spring Pedestal

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City Commission has approved the sculpture "Michigan Spring" to be placed on the southwest corner of the library's lawn. The City will soon be pouring a 6' x 6' concrete pad to place the sculpture on. The sculpture will need a mount to be attached to the concrete, while both the Public Arts Board and the Library Board have indicated they would like the sculpture to be elevated on a pedestal. Doing so will require a professional installer to create a metallic adapter that is raised and attached to the sculpture by the four threaded attachments located underneath the base.

James Storm is an employee of the Detroit Institute of Arts where he works on sculpture installations. He provided a quote for the installation as follows:

- I would propose anchoring four stainless steel or aluminum brackets, evenly spaced around the sculptures base, into the stone or concrete pedestal.
- The bracket material will be at least 1/4" in thickness.
- Exacted dimensions will be determined after a site visit.
- Time on site, design and fabrication, and installation using a Hilti anchoring system will range in cost from \$700.00 to \$900.0

**Suggested Action:**

That the Public Arts Board recommend to City Commission the approval of funding to pay for a sculpture mount of Michigan Spring to be located at the Library.



# **MEMORANDUM**

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**Planning Division**

**DATE:** June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**TO:** Public Arts Board Members

**FROM:** Brooks Cowan, City Planner

**APPROVED:** Jana Ecker, Planning Director

**SUBJECT:** Communications

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1. Piano is in the park
2. Popcorn electrical box painting is underway
3. Charity Poker Fundraiser is confirmed for July 31 – August 3
4. Nominations for Birmingham Bloomfield Cultural Arts Awards are due July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.