

**WEST DES MOINES PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
Thursday, July 27, 2017**

The regular meeting of the West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 27, 2017, at 5:34 p.m. by Chair Kenworthy.

Commission	TJ Lechtenberg	Brenda Sedlacek <i>Secretary</i>	Tamara Kenworthy <i>Chair</i>	Ryan Crane <i>Vice Chair</i>	Rita Luther
Present		X	X	X	
Commission	Diane Boyd	Jed Gammell			
Present	X				

Staff	Greg Hansen <i>Superintendent of Recreation</i>	Sally Ortgies <i>Director of Parks & Recreation</i>	Anna Poss <i>Administrative Secretary</i>
Present	X	X	X

On Item 1. Approval of Agenda.

Sedlacek moved to approve the agenda as presented. Boyd seconded. Motion carried, 4 yes.

On Item 2. Citizen Forum

No Items

On Item 3. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2017 Meeting

Crane moved to approve the minutes. Sedlacek seconded. Motion carried, 4 yes.

On Item 4. Old Business

No Items

New Business

On Item 5A. Motion – Approval of Our Main Street Public Art Project Artist.

Kenworthy stated the Selection Committee met and reviewed six submissions. The Committee recommends hiring Gail Chavenelle as the artist for the Our Main Street Public Art Project. Ortgies added that the score for Sticks, Inc. in the staff report should have been 31.9. This change did not change the second place ranking of Sticks, Inc. Ortgies shared that the Committee was very thoughtful with their scoring and comments throughout the process.

Sedlacek moved to approve Gail Chavenelle as the artist for the Our Main Street Public Art Project. Crane seconded. Motion carried, 4 yes.

On Item 5B. – Approval of Purchase of Art Work – 2017 Art on the Campus “Asteria”

Ortgies shared that the Exhibition Committee met and reviewed possible pieces for purchase from the 2017 Art on the Campus exhibit. The Committee recommends purchasing “Asteria” to be located in front of the Valley View Aquatic Center. The artist agreed to a price of \$2,400 for “Asteria.” Ortgies shared that there is money budgeted for minor repairs to the piece. Boyd inquired if the City has future plans to move the piece to the chosen location. Ortgies stated the stipend the artists receive is meant to assist in transportation costs. Crane shared that involving the artist in the moving process would be beneficial to both the City and the artist. Boyd inquired if the Commission could offer the original price

of \$3,400 that was included in the artist's proposal. Crane stated that staff should contact the artist to confirm the final asking price.

Sedlacek moved to approve the Purchase of Art Work – 2017 Art on the Campus “Asteria” at a price up to \$3,400. Boyd seconded. Motion carried, 4 yes. On Item 5C. – Approval of Art on the Campus Audio Tour.

Crane shared that he and Gammell met to explore Ottocast's application for cellular phones that allows listeners to hear the biographies and inspirations behind the pieces in the Art on the Campus exhibit. Crane added they were open to comparing Ottocast to other companies offering the same service.

Kenworthy concluded that the Commission was in favor of the idea, but before any decision is made the Communication Committee should research other competitive products. Ortgies added that with the City's purchasing policy three bids will need to be obtained. No formal action was taken on this item.

Committee Reports

On Item 6A. Events Committee

No report.

On Item 6B. Communication Committee

Crane stated the committee decided to defer surveys of the artists' experiences until 2018. Crane also shared that the Committee discussed the possibility of artists stacking votes for the People's Choice award. Crane shared that it would be difficult to monitor and the Committee is recommending no changes to how the voting currently is done. Kenworthy stated by not doing the surveys this year the Commission may be missing out on an opportunity on how to reach more artists for future calls. Crane added they did discuss this topic but decided to delay until 2018 because the Call for Artists has already been finalized. Ortgies shared the Committee discussed updating the City's website by adding a separate page for the Public Art Program. The Public Arts Advisory Commission page will still appear under Boards and Commissions.

On Item 6C. Exhibition Committee

No report.

Project Work Group Reports

On Item 7A. Water Quality Community Service Public Art Project

Crane participated in one of the artist interviews. Kenworthy added that the interviews have been viewed by all selection committee members, scoring is being finalized and the Committee is meeting again on Monday for the selection. Ortgies provided tours to the artists before the interviews. Ortgies stated that it was a great opportunity for the artists to become more familiar with the area.

On Item 7B. Art Route

Crane shared that the downtown Des Moines Art Route chevrons and circles have received good reviews. Ortgies stated that the minor modification for the Art Route project was approved by the Development Services Department last week. Ortgies has asked the City of Des Moines if it is too late to capitalize on ordering the crosswalk material together. Ortgies shared that bids on the painting of the dots and chevrons have been received.

On Item 7C. Historic West Des Moines Public Art

No report.

Staff Reports

On Item 8A. Superintendent of Recreation

Hansen reminded the Commissioners who are on the Water Quality Project Selection Committee of the 4:00 p.m. meeting on July 31st.

On Item 8B. Director of Parks & Recreation

Ortgies shared that Marco Alvarez, Park Planner, mentioned the idea of adding a trail counter on the trail around the City Campus Pond. Although it will count all trail users and not just those there to view the Art on the Campus exhibit, the data may be useful to the Commission. Ortgies recently met with Todd Seaman, City of Clive Leisure Services Director, and Jan Herke, City of Urbandale Parks and Recreation Director. Seaman had spoken with Sally Dix about bringing the metro Commissions together for a meeting. The suggestion was that the Chair and Vice-Chair of each Commission would take part in the meeting. Ortgies stated that the proposed Amphitheater Project has \$868,000 already funded through a donation from Microsoft. Ortgies shared the idea of incorporating public art into the project. She suggested that the Commission consider allocating the \$100,000 included in the FY 18-19 draft budget for a permanent work of art towards the amphitheater project. Commissioners indicated preliminary support for this idea with it being formally considered at the time of budget approval this fall. Confluence has been approved as the landscape architect and lead consultant for the project.

Receive, File and/or Refer

No Items

Crane moved to adjourn. Boyd seconded. Motion carried. 4 yes. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Poss
Parks & Recreation Administrative Secretary

ATTEST:

Brenda Sedlacek
Advisory Commission Secretary