

**WEST DES MOINES PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
Thursday, March 22, 2018**

The regular meeting of the West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 22, 2018, 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	X
Commission	Diane Boyd	Jed Gammell			
Present					

Staff	Sally Ortgies <i>Director of Parks & Recreation</i>	Miranda Kurtt <i>Secretary</i>	John Mickelson <i>Council Liaison</i>
Present	X	X	

On Item 1. Approval of Agenda

Crane moved to approve the agenda as presented. Luther seconded. Motion carried, 4 yes.

On Item 2. Citizen Forum

None

On Item 3. Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2018, Meeting

Sedlacek moved to approve the minutes as presented. Luther seconded. Motion carried, 4 yes.

On Item 4. Old Business

Kenworthy stated that Bravo of Des Moines had a regional gathering of the metro Public Art Commissions. Jim Sandager, Allison Ullestad, and Kenworthy attended representing West Des Moines. Kenworthy suggested that the Commissions from Urbandale, Clive, and West Des Moines look for opportunities to collaborate. Kenworthy stated that the power of communities working together to promote each other's projects could be beneficial to the metro area.

On Item 5. New Business

No new business items.

Committee Reports

On Item 6A. Events Committee

Sedlacek discussed the upcoming Art on the Campus event. Ortgies stated that the invitations will be sent out by mail or e-mail next week. Allison Ullestad has coordinated a light jazz quartet to perform during the event. Food and tables have been ordered, the artists have been contacted, and Councilmember Jim Sandager is confirmed to speak at the event. Crane questioned when the art will be installed. Ortgies stated that the artwork can be installed starting April 1st. Kenworthy questioned how many artists will be present. Ortgies stated that Ullestad has contacted them, but has not yet heard back from them all. Any artist present will have the opportunity to speak. Kenworthy questioned if the committee had come up with ideas on how to get more attendance. Ortgies stated that with the Superintendent of Recreation vacancy no significant changes were being made this year. Kenworthy questioned if the artist would be able to go to the location of their artwork to discuss it. Ortgies stated that this has been offered in the past and will be a possibility again this year if weather allows. Sedlacek stated that the Parks and Recreation Department included an invitation in the WDM Magazine. Ortgies

stated that one of the artists, Matthew Kargol, withdrew from the project due to health issues. The staff is proposing to move the “Heartbeat of the Heartland” piece that was originally located at position #11 to position #7 near the library. This move will eliminate the need to move the piece should the amphitheater construction begin this fall. Kenworthy questioned if an alternate artist could be selected. Ortgies said that the submissions not selected were not ranked in any kind of order, so it would not be as simple as contacting the next one on a list. Due to the time constraints involved and the possible amphitheater construction, Ortgies suggested leaving position #7 vacant.

On Item 6B. Communications Committee

No report. Kenworthy questioned if the West Des Moines art collection is on the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundations app. Ortgies stated that an inventory would need to be done prior to this being added. Kenworthy suggested that the three commissioned pieces could be added first.

On Item 6C. Exhibition Committee

No report.

Project Work Group Reports

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

Ortgies, Sedlacek, Crane, Kenworthy, and the rest of the work group met with Cliff Garten on Monday, March 19, where he presented his proposal. Kenworthy stated that the work group should be able to provide feedback prior to the approval of the pieces, so a meeting was being set up for that to occur. Ortgies stated that the contract states that the Commission has 30 days to approve the design, however, it may take longer in order to give adequate time for discussion and feedback. Sedlacek questioned if it could take less than 30 days. Ortgies stated that there is no hard timeline for the installation, so the work group should take the time needed to feel comfortable with the proposal. Ortgies reminded the group that if it takes longer, the installation may not happen this fall. Luther questioned if the Commission would get to see the proposal. Kenworthy stated that once the work group approved it, it will be presented to the Commission. The Bravo programming grant for the Water Quality Event needs to be used by the end of 2018 for an event or program. Sedlacek stated that due to the lack of staff and the demands of the event, that the Events Committee had suggested that an event coordinator could be hired. Crane suggested contacting Bravo as soon as we know our expected date for the celebration to see if the grant funds could possibly be carried over into next year. Ortgies stated she will contact Bravo.

On Item 7B. Historic West Des Moines Public Art

Luther stated that Gayle Chavenelle presented the models or maquettes of the three sculptures, and the work group was very pleased with the design. Kenworthy stated that they will make quite an impact in Valley Junction. Crane asked about the height of the sculptures, and Ortgies stated that the pieces are 8 feet tall. Kenworthy stated that the unveiling is proposed on June 14, 2018 with approval from Jim Miller, Executive Director of the Historic Valley Junction Foundation.

Staff Reports

Ortgies thanked Sedlacek for participating in the interviews for the Superintendent of Recreation position. Ortgies informed the group that an application was submitted to Bravo’s Capital Grant program for the Veterans Parkway Folded Flags Sculptures. Kenworthy questioned the start date of the implementation. Ortgies stated that it could be this year with plantings occurring in the spring of 2019.

Other Matters

On Item 9A. Recognition of Outgoing Commissioner – T.J. Lechtenberg

Lechtenberg was not present.

Receive, File and/or Refer

None

Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Sedlacek seconded. Motion carried, 4 yes. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Kurtt
Parks & Recreation Secretary

ATTEST:

Brenda Sedlacek
Advisory Commission Secretary