

**WEST DES MOINES PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS**  
**Thursday, August 22, 2019**

The regular meeting of the West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Commission was called to order on Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 5:34 p.m. by Chair Crane.

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

<b>Staff</b>	Sally Ortgies <i>Director of Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	Ryan Penning <i>Superintendent of Recreation</i>	Allison Ullestad <i>Arts, Culture, and Enrichment Supervisor</i>	Miranda Kurtt <i>Secretary</i>	John Mickelson <i>Council Liaison</i>
<b>Present</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	

**On Item 1. Approval of Agenda**

Luther moved to approve the agenda as presented. Phillips seconded. Motion carried, 6 yes.

**On Item 2. Citizen Forum**

None.

**On Item 3. Approval of Minutes of July 25, 2019, Meeting**

Kenworthy moved to approve the minutes as presented. Boyd seconded. Motion carried, 6 yes.

**On Item 4. Old Business**

No report.

**New Business**

**On Item 5A. Motion – Approval of 2020 Art on the Campus Selection Committee**

Phillips moved to approve the 2020 Art on the Campus Selection Committee. Sedlacek seconded. Motion carried, 6 yes.

Crane stated that the Committee has three new citizens. Kenworthy questioned if these people approached the Commission or if recruiting was needed. Ullestad stated Vince Valdez reached out to Sedlacek and Liz Stephenson reached out to Phillips.

**Committee Reports**

**On Item 6A. Events Committee**

No report.

**On Item 6B. Communications Committee**

No report.

**On Item 6C. Exhibition Committee**

Luther stated that they will not provide funding to the LIGHT Valley Junction project this year. The Committee will meet at a later date to discuss the funding in the next fiscal year. Kenworthy questioned if Valley Junction Foundation will be going forward with the project without funding from the Commission. Phillips stated that they will do the building lighting and one courtyard. Ullestad clarified that the funding requested from the Commission would go towards the ice castle sculpture for next

Christmas. Luther stated that the Commission will not be purchasing anything from this year's Art on the Campus exhibit. Ullestad stated that funds not spent on a piece could potentially be used for the Light Valley Junction project or vinyl wrapping of traffic signal boxes that was submitted to MWA for grant monies. Phillips stated that the Commission has never been approached for funding, therefore, there isn't a procedure to approve/not approve a request. Parks and Recreation is looking for possible locations for "Aqua Strata". Ullestad stated that the Nature Lodge is one possible location but it will be under renovation when the piece is ready for installation. Crane stated that all of "Aqua Strata" should be displayed together. Crane questioned if they could be stored until the Nature Lodge renovations were complete. Phillips stated that a maintenance plan of the City's public art pieces should be created as well as funds designated for maintenance. Anderson Goncalves did research on companies that provide maintenance for art pieces, but unfortunately, none are located in Iowa. Ullestad stated if we contracted with a company to come to the metro for a week, we could work with surrounding cities to share the cost. The cost starts at approximately \$6,000.

### **Project Work Group Reports**

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

Ullestad stated the next meeting is Thursday, August 29.

#### **On Item 7B. Amphitheater Public Art**

Ullestad stated the new official name is the Jamie Hurd Amphitheater. Kenworthy questioned what the in-kind donor will be contributing. Ullestad stated he would be providing the site work along with concrete paving. The construction will start after September 23 to avoid Illumifest. Phillips questioned when the group will meet. Ullestad stated she will schedule a meeting after the bid is awarded.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **On Item 8A. Public Art Intern**

Ullestad and Ortgies attended the Bravo Closing Ceremony for Anderson Goncalves. Goncalves did a presentation on "What is Public Art?"

#### **On Item 8B. Recreation Program/Facility Supervisor**

Ullestad stated the cement pad is poured for the "Even Waters" sculpture pieces. She has not heard from Garten regarding when he will be back for the dedication event. The artwork has to be installed by September 30, which means he has 30 days after that. A letter from the City Attorney was sent to Garten stating he will not receive the \$1,000 for the temporary piece proposal due to a breach of contract for not staying within budget. The Metro Waste Authority Environmental Enrichment Grant application was submitted but notification of acceptance has not been received yet. Ortgies is still looking for a Strategic Plan facilitator. Sedlacek mentioned a possibility and will send the name to Ortgies and Ullestad. Boyd questioned if Gary Scott would have any suggestions.

#### **On Item 8C. Director of Parks and Recreation**

Ullestad reported that for Thursday, September 26, parking will be an issue due the Valley High School Homecoming Parade. Kurtt will include a reminder with next month's packet notification.

#### **On Item 9. Other Matters**

Phillips questioned submitting the Folded Flags Sculptures for possible awards. Ullestad stated Shive Hattery would like to wait until next year when the grass has had a chance to fill in.

### **Receive, File and/or Refer**

August 5: Resolution – Order Construction and Notice of Public Hearing on Plans, Specification, Form of Contract, Estimate of Cost, and Direct Advertisement of Bids – City Campus Amphitheater

