

Public Art Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Village Hall, August 5, 2015

7pm

Attendees: Bill Greffin, Simona Merchen, Lauren Cooper, Linda Carlisle, Michelle Thomas, Nancy Nield, Liz Holt

Absent: George Bailey, Ava Bjornson, Rick Piwowarczyk,

Staff & Guests: Loretta Daly, Staff Liaison, Colleen Berg – Sculpture Walk Manager, Potential Members: Maureen McCarthy, Oak Park Park District Representative, Kate McQuillan, Andy Stein, Clark Street & Associates

Public Comment: No Public Comment was presented.

Minutes

Minutes from the July 1st, 2015 meeting were presented and placed on file with corrections.

Motion: Simona Merchen

Second: Lauren Cooper

VOTE: Unanimous

Guest Presentation

Kate McQuillan; Introduced herself and provided an overview of her new art installation “Night Sky”. Ms. McQuillan explained that she is in the process of installing one of a dozen front-yard installations created for the 2nd Terrain Biennial. Her installation “Night Sky” swaths the front of an Oak Park 2 story home with a printed image of a glittering star filled night sky. Ms. McQuillan stated that the installation would be complete and opened on August 23, 2015 and that she was looking for sponsors to defray the installation costs and suggestions for advertising the installation. The Commission expressed enthusiasm for the project and suggested that Ms. McQuillan contact area retailers for possible sponsorship. Additionally, L. Daly offered to investigate whether a TV 6 announcement of the project could be developed.

Andy Stein, Clark St. Developers: A. Stein reintroduced himself to the Commission and gave a very brief overview of the Oak Park Station Development project which he is spearheading. Mr. Stein indicated that since his last appearance before the PAAC the development project has been somewhat altered and the development team was no longer recommending a light feature for the connecting bridge as this bridge was no longer as prominently featured in the design. Alternatively Mr. Stein and his Architect from Fitzgerald and Associates presented a new lighting design that would be featured on the garage providing maximum visibility to the commuters and the community.

In general the concept as presented utilizes rotational panels on the upper levels of the parking garage providing an undulating surface a wave like pattern. Additionally the panel system would be lit with colored LED lighting in the evening. Mr. Stein indicated that his team was working with Peter Hugh, a local lighting professional to finalize the concept and to ensure that the residents of the development would not be adversely affected by the lighting. After reviewing the public art proposal the Commission indicated support for the project making the following observations:

- The ability to change the light color periodically would be beneficial.
- Projects like this need to have a well thought out maintenance plan developed as continual maintenance will be required.
- Changing technology was also an issue that was of concern to the Commission
- In general the Commission liked the textural nature of the project.

The Commission asked Mr. Stein and his team to consider the issues that they had raised and to come back with responses at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Stein indicated that they would do this and would reach out to Mr. Hugh to see if he could join them for the next presentation.

Chair's Report

Chairman Greffin reported that sadly local artist Pat McDonald whose sculpture piece is located at the corner of Harlem and Ontario, and who worked with the PAAC on sculpture install and maintenance had recently passed away. B. Greffin informed the commission that he and former Chair David Sokol had submitted a letter of remembrance to the Wednesday Journal on behalf of the PAAC.

Chairman Greffin also reported that the Chairpersons meeting was held the previous week and that he had attended providing the group with updates on PAAC activities.

Sculpture Walk 2015

C. Berg provided the Commission with the latest project budget indicating that it should come in under budget by approximately \$2,000. Additionally, C. Berg reported that she had received calls from two area residents who were interested in potentially buying a piece. Ms. Berg provided the Commission with a list of the 2015 pieces and their purchase price for their review if a recommendation to purchase were to be put forward.

Permanent Art Plaques

Michelle Thomas provided the Commission with examples of Art Plaques developed by local and non-local manufacturers. The Commission agreed that of the three examples put forward the plaque by Metal Designs, LLC in Oceanside, NY was the weakest. The Commission recommended that the "medium" be added to the plaque and that M. Thomas reach out to the other local vendors to see if they would like to bid on the work.

2016 Work Plan

B. Greffin requested that the Commissioners review the 2015 PAAC Work Plan as provided and be ready to discuss the 2016 plan at the September meeting.

Adjourn