

Members present: Marsha Carrington, Robin Hudnall, Chris Parthemore, Adam Ramsdell, Brian Stanley, Cable Steinemann, Jordan Sternberg (arrived 5:12 p.m.), Martha Wikel (arrived 5:10 p.m.) and Ex-Officio members Roz Shepherd and Greg Voltz.

Members Absent: Ethan Unzicker and Dennis Murray (Ex-Officio).

Staff Present: Kelly Kresser (Clerk).

Brian Stanley called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Cable Steinemann and second of Adam Ramsdell, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019, meeting. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Public Art Work Plan

Greg Voltz said the City Commissioners approved and adopted the **2019 Public Art Work Plan** on March 11 which the members of the Public Arts & Culture Commission approved in February.

RFQ/Call for Artist Review

- **Hike Hancock/Walk Wayne** – Greg Voltz said this RFQ was distributed with the Agenda and asked if there was any language the members would like to see added to it. Brian Stanley asked if the artists would be required to provide power (electricity) and if so, to add this information for art which would require lighting. Greg Voltz said this particular RFQ is more for intersection treatments and if necessary, power would be provided by private property owner(s). Cable Steinemann asked about the budgeted information which was set at \$5,000 since the proposal states up to \$7,500 is available and Greg Voltz said neighborhood initiative funding would provide the additional \$2,500. Cable Steinemann asked about making the funded activity more open-ended and not specifically to be for street design and also asked how the city is soliciting proposals. Greg Voltz said a list has been prepared and includes many state entities like the Ohio Arts Council, art schools from Cincinnati, Cleveland and Toledo as well as social media notifications. Adam Ramsdell asked about scoring and adjusting the point values to put more emphasis on quality rather than previous work done by a particular artist. Greg Voltz said he would adjust this by adding five additional points under the project schedule and five additional points under location of artist.
- **Temporary Transit Shelter Murals** – Greg Voltz said this RFQ was provided with the Agenda and asked for feedback regarding preference(s) for the artists to install directly on the shelters or digitally by using a monitor. Marsha Carrington said a perforated vinyl surface

would be white on one side and to perhaps consider using a material which could be seen from both sides. Greg Voltz said he would remove this from the criteria and leave it open for the artist to choose. Cable Steinemann said he would not want to see this limited to Ohio artists and Greg Voltz said this could be broadened so as not to limit anyone from submitting proposals including a third party to install, if necessary. Robin Hudnall said she always is supportive of local artists and thinks this would be a great way for other artists to take a look at Sandusky. Thoughts were shared about honoring local persons in these murals. Brian Stanley said he recalled discussing the larger scale murals would be more in line with honoring specific persons from Sandusky's history. Greg Voltz said he would reduce the required file size of submittals and extend the deadline to mid-April and will also adjust the scoring so the location of the artist is five points lower.

Artist Selection Committee Creation

- Hike Hancock/Walk Wayne – Greg Voltz said he would like Cable Steinemann to be one of the three members of this committee as he is a resident of this neighborhood and asked for two additional volunteers. Robin Hudnall and Marsha Carrington agreed to be on the committee and Adam Ramsdell said he would be an alternate member. Greg Voltz said there will be plenty of public outreach for this project/event and we will garner a lot of input.
- Temporary Transit Shelter Murals – Greg Voltz said Nicole DeFreitas, the Sandusky Transit Administrator, will be on this committee because of her position and asked for additional volunteers to serve. Brian Stanley, Cable Steinemann and Marsha Carrington agreed to be on the committee and Adam Ramsdell and Jordan Sternberg both said they would be alternate members.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Festival

McKenzie Spriggs with the City of Sandusky said she recently attended an event at Kalahari and Danielle Hefferman from Cedar Point spoke with her about **partnerships and programming for an event in the Fall of 2020 with a beach/sand and art theme and possibly pop-up art exhibits in a unique location in Sandusky**. She said although Danielle was unable to attend today's meeting, she would like to brainstorm about this concept and see if the members of the Public Arts & Culture Commission would be interested in working together on such an event. Adam Ramsdell said he knows of a sand castle artist and will reach out to him to see how this has worked in other communities. Chris Parthemore said he also attended a similar event in Rhode Island while on vacation where very elaborate sand sculptures were created. Brian Stanley said there is an event at Edgewater Park in Cleveland each year through the American Institute of Architects and will get some contact information from them. Cable Steinemann suggested

Architects and will get some contact information from them. Cable Steinemann suggested involving the Sandusky Maritime Museum as they would be a logical entity to be involved. Jordan Sternberg suggested if this event were held during Cedar Point's Halloweekends, it be on a weekend (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) or in late September. Robin Hudnall said she participated in a sand sculpture event while vacationing and was able to do so simply by paying a \$20 entry fee and enjoyed it very much. Roz Shepherd suggested involving youth of the community by having a junior section. Robin Hudnall suggested using earth-air/fire/water elements as a theme with a multi-locational exhibit. Adam Ramsdell liked this idea and said cleaning up the environment (Lake Erie and the shoreline) could potentially be engineering themed while also being artistic. Roz Shepherd said robotics and drones could also be tied into this and noted the Sandusky City Schools is planning an Arts Festival for May 23, 2020, at Sandusky High School. Robin Hudnall suggested a theme using kites. McKenzie Spriggs thanked all of the members for the great input and to continue providing thoughts and ideas to her through email.

Greg Voltz asked what the members would like him to **focus on as the next priority**. Cable Steinemann suggested lighting for the new City Hall location and lighting in the underpass areas. Greg Voltz said underpass lighting would be a large project with a large cost and the initial lighting project would probably be for the pedestrian areas and will work on creating lighting guidelines and a Request for Proposals. Adam Ramsdell said he recently visited the art park in Bucyrus, Ohio, which had art and sculpture and was a very nice area with great concepts and this was something the members had talked about doing here. Brian Stanley said he would like the members to maintain their commitment toward Welcome Sandusky murals. Greg Voltz said he will work on the creation of guidelines and potential locations for an art park in Sandusky as well as potential sites for murals. The mural concept will initially be vetted through the city's Board of Zoning Appeals with the idea this will make the approval process easier for the artists. If the mural concept is approved by them, the content of the mural would then be vetted through the Public Arts & Culture Commission. The murals should highlight Sandusky's diversity and who we are as a city. Additionally, painting over brick walls would not be permitted.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:52 p.m., upon motion of Jordan Sternberg and second of Cable Steinemann, the commission voted to adjourn. The Chairman declared the motion passed.



Attest: Kelly Kresser, Clerk

Date: 4/17/19



Brian Stanley, Chairman

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