

Members present: Marsha Carrington, Robin Hudnall, Adam Ramsdell, Gail Riedy, Brian Stanley, Cable Steinemann, Chris Parthemore, Jordan Sternberg, Martha Wikel and Ex-Officio member and Greg Voltz.

Members Absent: Roz Shepherd and Dennis Murray, Ex-Officio.

Staff Present: Kelly Kresser (Clerk).

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Chris Parthemore and second of Cable Steinemann, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019, meeting. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Temporary Transit Shelter Murals – Discussion of Proposal

Jordan Arnell Evans was introduced who submitted a proposal for the murals. He said he is a SHS graduate and has spent the past five to six years in Cleveland and LA providing art for Kyrie Irving, LeBron James and professional football players. His idea is to bring diversity to the community and build toward the future by creating a “group of Friends” of the Boy with the Boot. These friends will walk along with the Boy and show a progression of diversity in the city through art. Cable Steinemann asked about the procedural side of this concept and Greg Voltz said this idea will be the basis of the artwork and we could ask Mr. Evans to provide sketches to be used at our public meetings and build from this idea. Greg Voltz said he will work with Mr. Evans to have rough draft prepared for the next meeting and then outreach can be scheduled for the first meeting in August. Brian Stanley said he thought this style would fit nicely on the shelters and heavier colors would catch people’s eye. Jordan Evans said people would be able to go from one shelter to another and take pictures or selfies with each; they could also tag locations like bigger cities do and this will allow visitors to explore the city. Adam Ramsdell asked if original characters would be used and Jordan Evans said he could customize these to symbolize specific persons or characters at each bus stop. This would blend our history while being modern. Marsha Carrington said we could introduce historical people from this area or who were important to it including Frederick Douglass or Helen Keller. Robin Hudnall suggested the use of random quotes could provide positive direction for our kids. Jordan Evans said he would envision this providing glimpses of the past while speaking to the future and of our progression. Martha Wikel said adding information or quotations would help to define what each image means at each stop. Jordan Evans said he loves Sandusky’s progression and said our art culture is getting ready to shine and he is happy to be part of this.

Hike Hancock/Walk Wayne – Update

Greg Voltz said the first event for this location was successful and people waited in line to paint the fish which were all gone by 7 p.m. The artist, Stephanie, and her assistant, April, did a wonderful job with the children and helped to introduce them to art. The next event is July 10 and the mural has been switched up to include three boxes which will be available for artwork and inspirational bubbles painted on all four sides. He believes there will be even more community involvement at the next event. Cable Steinemann said he is glad this event went well for the neighborhood but said it does not read well from the street and looks more like a child's art project gone awry. Greg Voltz said this is meant to be a temporary art installation and is up for approximately two months. Robin Hudnall said she was not a big fan of this initially but after seeing the kids at the event, it is more important to think about the impact it had on the neighborhood and loves this concept. We should be thinking about this as we go into each of our neighborhoods going forward and said if nothing else, it makes the kids proud to see what they can do and introduces them to art. Greg Voltz said the empty planters on Hancock Street are being removed and perhaps re-used at a community garden.

OLD BUSINESS

Environmental Art

Greg Voltz said it may be a good idea to have a joint meeting with members of the Sandusky Youth Commission, the City Commission and the Public Arts & Culture Commission regarding the environmental art project and the Art Festival. Stephanie Rond will be submitting an image for consideration at our next meeting about the idea of filling a structure and 'not allowing the party to stop until it is filled with trash'. Brian Stanley stated he thought this is a project for 2020 and could also include Cedar Fair and members of the Sandusky Art Walk Committee. Robin Hudnall said she recently met with Katie Voltz with Harlequins and they may also be interested in working on this.

Welcoming Sandusky Murals

Greg Voltz said Robin Hudnall and Marsha Carrington met about this and have found a few potential locations for a mural, but have not yet have one locked in. This is a longer term project and hopefully we could do one or two projects each year. Anyone with ideas about building owners who may be interested in donating space should let him know. Adam Ramsdell said the alley next to Mr. Smith's could use some love and Robin Hudnall said this brick is original and historic and the alley is owned by Gary and Diane Ackerman. Marsha Carrington said she would still like to see heat transfer materials on the building owned by Rick and Meghan Hogrefe which her gallery is in.

NEW BUSINESS

Sculpture on Loan Program – Sarah Prout with The Lange Trust said they are interested in renewing the sculpture on loan program with eight new sculptures. If the Commission is

interested in this, they will be able to choose the new pieces and suggested tweaking a few of the current locations. They have also had inquiries about purchasing a couple of them and will be bringing these back for a possible donation for permanent placement.

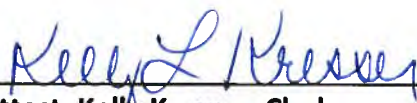
Upon motion of Chris Parthemore and second of Robin Hudnall, the commission voted to authorize approving the sculpture on loan program with The Lange Trust for another year.

Discussion: Greg Voltz asked the members if they would like to consider providing financial support for this project and said the annual cost is \$10,000 plus another \$4,000 to \$5,000 for placement costs and approximately \$2,000 for advertising/brochures. Gail Riedy said it has been wonderful to see reactions from people and they are featured in the new Sandusky magazine. Jordan Sternberg suggested putting them in a more consolidated area; Greg Voltz said the purpose of spreading them out is to get people to explore Sandusky. Cable Steinemann said he likes and appreciates these but is concerned about them not always being to scale in their surroundings and they should be more to scale where they are placed. Robin Hudnall said the pieces should be chosen to fit a specific location. Greg Voltz said if there are ideas for other locations to please share these with him. Sarah Prout said this should be finalized in September. Adam Ramsdell asked if the size of the bases could be upgraded and Robin Hudnall recommended lighting be added to the sculptures as they disappear at night. Greg Voltz said he would provide a recommendation at next month's meeting regarding potential financing for a portion of of these sculptures.

Greg Voltz said he does have an estimate for the underpass lighting project which will be \$15,000 to \$30,000. He will draft a Request for Proposals including the lighting design for an upcoming meeting. This will be paid for with the neighborhood funding received by the city. This concept could also be expanded to buildings in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:53 p.m., upon motion of Jordan Sternberg and second of Chris Parthemore, the commission voted to adjourn. The Chairman declared the motion passed.



Attest: Kelly Kresser, Clerk
Date: 7.16.2019



Brian Stanley, Chairman
Date: 7/16/19