

Members present: Marsha Carrington, Robin Hudnall, Chris Parthemore, Adam Ramsdell, Gail Riedy, Jordan Sternberg and Martha Wikel

Ex-Officio Members present: Dennis Murray, Michelle Newell and Greg Voltz

Members Absent: Brian Stanley and Cable Steinemann

Staff Present: Kelly Kresser (Clerk)

CURRENT BUSINESS

Upon motion of Robin Hudnall and second of Jordan Sternberg, the members voted to authorize Chris Parthemore to be Acting Chairperson. The motion was declared passed.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Gail Riedy and second of Jordan Sternberg, the members voted to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019, meeting and suspend the formal reading. The Acting Chairman declared the motion passed.

Underpass Gateway Lighting Project

Upon motion of Robin Hudnall and second of Adams Ramsdell, the members voted to remove the Public Arts & Culture Commission from the underpass lighting project.

Discussion: Greg Voltz said three Requests for Proposals were received for the underpass gateway lighting project which were all substantially over budget. This was not surprising, but gives us a good baseline for this type of project moving forward. He did not ask those who volunteered to score these proposals to do so because it would have been a futile effort and suggested three options moving forward:

1. Talk with each artist to see if they are willing to reduce their costs;
2. move forward with original idea to not commit more than \$10,000 and do this project in-house;
3. remove public art funds from the project and move forward with other funding sources.

Greg Voltz said staff is open to all three options and asked for feedback. Robin Hudnall said she would not like Option 3 to be considered as she feels this might be offensive to the artists. She would not like something done halfway and therefore would like Option 2 removed. She was unbelievably impressed with Lindsay Stefans with Francis Krahe Associates and said it was a great concept and should be kept in mind. She suggested saving the \$10,000 budgeted and try to work with some other organizations to do this project. Martha Wikel and Marsha Carrington said they both agree with this and were very excited about the way Ms. Stefans thought about light. Marsha Carrington asked for the complete cost submitted; Greg Voltz said the initial proposal

was \$50,000 and it looks as if it were another \$150,000. Robin Hudnall said the artist may be open to doing one underpass at a time. Greg Voltz said he will let all three artists know of this decision and also to let them know about possibly considering the pre-qualified artist responses.

The Acting Chairman declared the motion passed.

Pre-Qualified Artist List Update

Greg Voltz suggested the commission bundle the pre-qualified artist proposals with the other two grants coming out and schedule open house(s) and work group meetings all together in early January.

CY 2019 Year In Review

Greg Voltz said this year-end report was distributed and is required by the legislation which created the Public Arts & Culture Commission.

CY 2020 Work Plan

Upon motion of Jordan Sternberg and second of Robin Hudnall, the members voted to approve the draft Work Plan so it may be finalized for consideration by the City Commission.

Discussion: Greg Voltz said the Work Plan has been revised based on comments made at the November meeting, especially in regard to allowing public art on/at properties which are zoned residential as this could be unique instances. The language was changed to allow the Public Arts & Culture Commission to deem what is appropriate rather than using the term 'vulgar'. The City Commission will consider the Work Plan in February or March, 2020, along with the proposed budget. Other projects budgeted for in the draft 2020 Work Plan include the two grant programs which were discussed at the November meeting (\$30,000), underpass lighting (\$20,000), a graffiti wall/park (\$0), the City Hall gallery or scholarship (\$1,000), the Welcoming Sandusky murals (\$10,000), a temporary sculpture exhibit (\$2,000), the Lake Erie Monster (\$7,500) and the hippos (\$5,000). If the hippos in Washington Park were repainted, this cost could be much lower. These came up in conversation during the Brzaaar & Brew event and because next year is Cedar Point's 150th anniversary, the hippos may have a place on the lawn of the Jackson Street Pier (one year only). They are whimsical and kids could play on them while looking across at Cedar Point. Chris Parthemore said he likes the idea, but would like to see what else will be on the Jackson Street Pier first. Gail Riedy suggested these might be a good addition to the play park area at Shoreline Park. Robin Hudnall said if the temporary lighting project were to be removed, she would like to add artwork on public utility boxes. She would like to keep some of the budgeted monies for the underpass lighting in the next budget year. Greg Voltz said he is hopeful the artist-led grants and business matching grants attract a decent response and this will be our vehicle to get a lot of smaller projects done and will make a bigger, city-wide impact, allowing us to focus on other larger projects.

The Acting Chairperson declared the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Robin Hudnall said she could not attend the last meeting, but would like to **reconsider the paint donation by LEWCO**. This enamel paint is used for hand-painted signs, murals and can be used on metal, stone or any other material. These paints are extremely expensive and when working with outdoor artwork, this is the type of paint that should be used. She would like this paint donation to be accepted as it will save thousands of dollars. It has a multiple year shelf life and although she is not sure where it would be stored, we could reach out to artists and use this paint for projects. This could even be used for temporary art made with plywood which would last through several seasons, including our winters. Chris Parthemore asked if the city has a place to store this and if there is a procedure for tracking inventory; Greg Voltz said he would have to check with our Public Works Department. He has not yet responded to LEWCO so he will obtain additional information and will follow up and try to make it work.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Parthemore **thanked everyone for serving on this Commission** and looks forward to 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:28 p.m., upon motion of Gail Riedy and second of Jordan Sternberg, the commission voted to adjourn. The Chairman declared the motion passed.



Attest: Kelly Kresser, Clerk

Date: 1/21/20



Brian Stanley, Chairperson

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