

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

Members present: Marsha Carrington, Robin Lloyd, Chris Parthemore, Adam Ramsdell, Martha Wikel, Cable Steinemann, Brian Stanley (Chairman), Gail Riedy and Jordan Sternberg.

Ex-Officio Members present: Michelle Newell and Greg Voltz

Members absent: Blake Harris (Ex-Officio)

Staff Present: McKenzie Spriggs (Commission Clerk)

All were in attendance via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic, [and the meeting was live-streamed on YouTube.](#)

CURRENT BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Adam Ramsdell and second of Chris Parthemore, the members voted to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020, meeting and suspend the formal reading. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Presentation from Kevin Katynski and Josh on creating a website to share artist information spanning from Cleveland to Toledo.

Discussion: Kevin explained the website would host opportunities for artists to find RFQs/RFPs. It should also host a directory of artists, and links to their previous work (for free). Once there are events for artists to attend (post covid-19) this website will feature those. A simple form feature will make it easy for anyone to send their information for website additions.

Many questions from the committee helped clarify questions. Adam Ramsdell asked if they are looking for true artists or musicians that do cover bands at a bar. Kevin explained it may be a blend, but they are looking for true artists with original material. Brian Stanley requested participating in the beta of the site testing to help them get going. As of right now, the creators are looking for communication and collaboration. There is no fee, and they would like the arts commission to notify them when they do call for artists, to help get the word out. The committee thought this was a great idea and fully support it.

Lange Trust Representatives for sculpture selection

Discussion: numerous members volunteered themselves to be part of this process, including Chris Parthemore, Adam Ramsdell, Martha Wikel, Marsha Carrington and Robin Lloyd. **The chairman determined that Chris Parthemore and Marsha Carrington would represent the arts**

commission to change up the representation and as the first two who volunteered. Robin Lloyd is the first alternative if they cannot attend, as she has served the last two years.

Lange Trust Sculpture on Loan Program Locations

Discussion: Greg Voltz presented that Lange Trust would like to change the location near the greenhouse down the block to a more visible location. The committee was in agreement and generally likes the current locations. Robin Lloyd brought to attention that dumpsters just got placed near the Jackson Street Pier on the north side of Shoreline Drive, and that might not be a good location. Martha said if the dumpsters were not present, it would be an ideal location as there are many pedestrians and traffic is calmed and slowed on Shoreline Drive. Robin Lloyd reminded the group that the artist tries not to move the sculptures and it is costly to move them. The committee agreed that changing the corner of the artwork in Huron Park, to be at the intersection of Huron Ave. and Monroe St. would give the art more prominence.

Greg Voltz said next month Lange Trust will come back to this commission to approve the new art and locations. A motion and vote will be needed at that time.

OLD BUSINESS

Brainstorming of "Sail" sculpture location

Discussion: Greg Voltz said the sculpture was accepted by the city commission, it is currently being held in storage and the next step is to determine a location. He said Cable Steinemann did reconnaissance and included the photos that were shown. Location options included: Lions Park, western pier at Shoreline Park, eastern pier at Shoreline Park (by Sandusky Yacht Club), north of Great Lakes Grinders at Shoreline Park. Cable Steinemann said Lions Park has been redeveloped in recent years and this would be a nice exclamation park to mark the site. He had an idea for location near the north east parking lot, close to the water. He thought Shoreline Park was good, but not as compelling as Lions Park. Shoreline Park has many other things going on at the park including other art already, binoculars, etc. Gail Reidy, Michelle Newell, and Robin Lloyd thought Lions Park was ideal and this would help space out art throughout the city. Jordan Sternberg thought the light from sunset could offer some great perspectives and shots. Brian Stanley asked about electric requirements the sculpture had and asked if the site was equipped. Robin Lloyd said solar was always an option and Greg Voltz said he could look into it.

Martha Wikel asked what is going in at the greenspace at the pier, and she feels like there needs to be something there. Robin Lloyd said this space is ideal for festivals, such as kite festivals etc.

Adam Ramsdell asked about the base and finishing treatment. Greg said the base is cement, and the artist included information on how to secure it.

Cable Steinemann made a motion for the site of the Sail Sculpture to be Lions Park, of a second by Martha Wikel. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Marsha Carrington, Robin Lloyd, Chris Parthemore, Adam Ramsdell, Martha Wikel, Cable Steinemann, Brian Stanley, Gail Riedy, Jordan Sternberg, Michelle Newell and Greg Voltz, 11. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Budget Update

Discussion: Greg Voltz said the budget is not looking great, but \$10,000 has been kept in the fund. There are grants offered and the commission could match other projects, but those aspects are not being heavily advertised. Greg said they we could start promoting the grants or hang onto the funds for next year.

Adam Ramsdell said we should use the resources presented earlier by Kevin and Josh, to get the word out there. This site would be ideal to getting out the calls for artists. Robin Lloyd said 300+ responded to the event via facebook that was scheduled for earlier this year, but then cancelled due to COVID-19. Numerous commission members were in favor of keeping the money and Cable Steinemann specified that it would be good to keep it unless an opportunity presents itself. Brian Stanley added that next year's budget would be based off of this year's revenue and likely we will see another low budget year.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential new, temporary exhibit by Polish artist Jerzy Joptka Kedziora

Greg Voltz shared that this artists did a project in Columbus, in Schiller Park, related to balance. The sculptures are hung via rope. Sarah Prout of Lange Trust heard they were having issues getting the sculptures back to Poland, due to COVID-19, and she offered to give them a home in Sandusky. It would be a temporary exhibit until late spring of next year. Greg Voltz is requesting a vote of support, so Lange Trust can proceed exploring the option to bring the exhibit to Sandusky. Greg Voltz said parks such as Shoreline Park, East and West Park, and Washington Park would make good locations, as well as downtown Sandusky if appropriate anchor points can be found.

The commission overwhelmingly supported them coming to Sandusky. They thought it was super unique and wondered if the sculptures could be kept in close proximity. Marsha Carrington wondered if they could be hung down Columbus Ave and connected via buildings. Greg Voltz said he immediately brought in an engineer to ask those questions, and they would use existing anchor points. Greg Voltz said each rope is 20-40 ft. long and there are roughly 25 pieces in the exhibit. Columbus is buying some art pieces and the artist would make a couple new, specific to Sandusky. Chris Parthemore made a motion to support the Lange Trust with a second of Martha Wikel.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Marsha Carrington, Robin Lloyd, Chris Parthemore, Adam

Ramsdell, Martha Wikel, Cable Steinemann, Brian Stanley, Gail Riedy, Jordan Sternberg, Michelle Newell and Greg Voltz, 11. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

At 6:06 p.m., upon motion of Cable Steinemann and second of Jordan Sternberg, the commission voted to adjourn. The Chairman declared the motion passed.



Attest: McKenzie Spriggs, Clerk
Date: 9 / 15 / 20



Brian Stanley, Chairperson
Date: 9 / 15 / 2020