

Members present: Marsha Carrington, Adam Ramsdell, Brian Stanley, Cable Steinemann, Jordan Sternberg, Martha Wikel and Ex-Officio members Greg Voltz and Dennis Murray (arrived 5:35 p.m.)

Members Absent: Robin Hudnall, Chris Parthemore, Ethan Unzicker and Ex-Officio member Roz Shepherd

Staff Present: Kelly Kresser (Clerk) and Talon Flohr (Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator)

CURRENT BUSINESS

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Martha Wikel and second of Brian Stanley, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018, meeting. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Election of Chairperson

Cable Steinemann asked if there were nominations for the 2019 Chairperson of the Public Arts & Culture Commission.

Upon motion of Jordan Sternberg and second of Cable Steinemann, the commission voted for Brian Stanley to be elected Chairperson for CY 2019. Mr. Steinemann declared the motion passed.

Election of Vice Chairperson

Cable Steinemann asked if there were nominations for the 2019 Vice Chairperson of the Public Arts & Culture Commission.

Upon motion of Martha Wikel and second of Adam Ramsdell, the commission voted for Cable Steinemann to be the Vice Chairperson for CY 2019. Mr. Steinemann declared the motion passed.

2019 Public Art Work Plan Adoption

Greg Voltz said at the last meeting, a draft **Public Art Work Plan** was presented for consideration and can be formally considered again this evening for a formal recommendation to the City Commission. This plan was developed after determining the availability of funding, identifying projects to be paid for with this funding including locations, goals and budget for public projects and programs. If approved, the recommended budget will be included in the city's 2019 budgeting process. The goals set forth in the Plan include furthering the development of, awareness and interest in the visual arts; integrating the design work of artists into Sandusky; creating an enhanced, interactive, visual environment for Sandusky residents; commemorating Sandusky's rich history; promoting tourism and economic vitality in Sandusky through the artistic

enhancement of public spaces; increasing attachment to 'place'; and, engaging community partners to build support for public art. The Public and Cultural Art and Acquisition fund will be established with dollars made available utilizing one percent of the total admissions tax from the previous year (initial year is \$40,000). Projects proposed for 2019 include teaming up with the Neighborhood Initiative's Hike Hancock/Walk Wayne project (\$5,000), determining a location for Art Park and setting guidelines for artists to create artwork, a business partnership grant program (\$1,000), grant/partner matching funds (\$21,000), planning for an Arts Festival in CY 2020, marketing for Welcome Sandusky Mural[s](\$10,000), a call for artists for temporary transit murals (\$2,000), creating a gallery in the new City Hall or a scholarship (\$1,000), partnering with other resources and entities for a citywide lighting project, planning a new or keeping the existing temporary sculpture exhibit(s), a project for 'Ground Zero' along the Sandusky Bay Pathway at the foot of Columbus Avenue and planning for art at the Jackson Street Pier when renovations are complete. Greg Voltz said the staff in the Planning Department recommends approval of the 2019 Public Art Work Plan and a favorable recommendation to the City Commission.

Upon motion of Cable Steinemann and second of Adam Ramsdell, the commission voted to recommend the Public Art Work Plan, as presented, to the City Commission.

Discussion: Brian Stanley asked if artwork for the Jackson Street Pier would be considered by this Commission and Greg Voltz said if it is proposed to be "sculptural" in nature, it would be determined by the members. Adam Ramsdell asked the difference between signage and murals. Greg Voltz said logos and trademarks specific to a business are considered signs than murals. Brian Stanley asked the timeframe for the city to adopt the budget and Greg Voltz said this will be presented and approved by the end of March.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Marsha Carrington, Martha Wikel, Brian Stanley, Cable Steinemann, Jordan Sternberg and Adam Ramsdell, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Donation of Artwork & Placement

1. Greg Voltz said the donation from LEWCO is an abstract sculpture of the year 1818 recognizing Sandusky's Bicentennial and was initially considered at the last Public Arts & Culture Commission meeting held in January. Since this time, a third party review was done by Carolyn Culbertson, a local arts professional, who recommends this piece be approved as it meets the guidelines and criteria set. Greg Voltz said placement will be on or near the amphitheater hill at the Paper District Marina. The exact location will be determined by the city's Public Works Department and the donor, LEWCO, if approved. Staff does recommend this donation be accepted as it meets the criteria set forth in the donation policies and procedures.

Upon motion of Adam Ramsdell and second of Cable Steinemann, the commission voted to

recommend accepting this donation contingent upon LEWCO working with the Public Works Department to assist in choosing a location.

Discussion: Adam Ramsdell asked about the costs involved with this placement and Greg Voltz said LEWCO has agreed to incur any costs associated with the concrete pad and placement as outlined in the guidelines. Cable Steinemann asked who Carolyn Culbertson is and how she was chosen to provide these reviews. Greg Voltz said she is a local person with a background in art who has assisted with the local Visual & Performing Arts Board and offered to provide recommendations for the city and members of this commission. Going forward, donors will provide third party reviews rather than the city.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Marsha Carrington, Martha Wikel, Brian Stanley, Cable Steinemann, Jordan Sternberg and Adam Ramsdell, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

2. Greg Voltz said the donation from George Gast memorializing his son, Scott Gast, was also considered at the January meeting and a third party review was done by Carolyn Culbertson since that time. Carolyn Culbertson stated the review criteria do not fit within the guidelines and recommended against accepting it, but encouraged exploring another location for this tribute to Scott Gast. Greg Voltz said staff does not recommend accepting this donation and do not believe it meets the criteria contained in the guidelines. Specifically, it does not meet timelessness, community value and location; Greg Voltz said they do recommend working with George Gast to allow this to be placed within Peddler's Alley.

Upon motion of Cable Steinemann and second of Jordan Sternberg, the commission voted to recommend not accepting this donation per this recommendation.

Discussion: Cable Steinemann said he does agree this is inappropriate because it does not meet the criteria established although if not in perpetuity could be different. He asked if placing this in Peddler's Alley would set a dangerous precedent for the city and Greg Voltz said this would require an easement to protect public property. Brian Stanley suggested setting a timeframe (i.e. while Musician's Alley exists at this location) so it remains relevant rather than it being accepted in perpetuity.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Marsha Carrington, Martha Wikel, Brian Stanley, Cable Steinemann, Jordan Sternberg and Adam Ramsdell, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

FUNDRAISING

Greg Voltz said at the last meeting there was a discussion about the possibility of creating a fund to set aside monies through fundraising efforts which could then be used for programming

and/or events. After speaking with the city's Finance Director Hank Solowiej, he understands the public and performing art and acquisition fund was established by ordinance which spells out the annual allotment for this fund based on admissions tax, developer contributions and use of the monies as directed by the members of the Public Arts & Culture Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Greg Voltz asked if the members would be interested in working with the Neighborhood Initiative to assist in some way with the Hike Hancock/Walk Wayne events this spring and summer. Talon Flohr, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator, provided an overview of this initiative to encourage residents and visitors to interact with each other and their surroundings/neighborhood. He is preparing a mailer about these events which will take place one Wednesday each month in June, July, August, September and October. An additional component is traffic calming measures which could be artistic in nature. Cable Steinemann asked if traffic calming would be in the form of a bump-out as this could be the perfect place for a small sculpture. Jordan Sternberg suggested making this experience more immersive by providing a visual connection between the street, sidewalk and buildings by tying them all together with art (painted artwork, curbs, sidewalks and pieces of art). Marsha Carrington said pop-up art displays could be done in the existing storefronts for a limited time. Cable Steinemann said the area between Scott, Wayne and Monroe Streets are very different. Greg Voltz said he and Talon Flohr will do additional researched based on this discussion and will bring ideas and suggestions to the March meeting for further consideration.

Greg Voltz said he will prepare a document calling for artists for temporary artwork for consideration at the March meeting.


Greg Voltz asked the members to be thinking about other initiatives or ideas to focus on in 2019 to keep projects rolling in. Jordan Sternberg said he would like to continue considering the lighting initiative. Brian Stanley said he would like to focus on the welcome Sandusky art and temporary murals at the transit locations. Adam Ramsdell said he would like to look at other canvasses available for artwork. Marsha Carrington said depicting the Underground Railroad in a artwork should be incorporated into a welcome mural because of its historical significance along with other significant historical events. Brian Stanley said our history of diversity also shows our progression as a city. Dennis Murray suggested using advertising space on the transit vehicles to promote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:07 p.m., upon motion of Cable Steinemann and second of Adam Ramsdell, the commission voted to adjourn. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

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Attest: Kelly Kresser, Clerk
Date: 3/12/19



Brian Stanley, Chairman
Date: 3/12/19