

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:19PM

Members present: Marsha Carrington, Chris Parthemore, Adam Ramsdell, Brian Stanley (chairman), Cable Steinemann (vice chair), Jordan Sternberg

Ex-Officio Members present: Blake Harris, Michelle Newell, and McKenzie Spriggs

Absent: Robin Lloyd, Martha Wikel, Shawn Daley

All were in attendance via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion of Chris Parthemore and a second of Cable Steinemann, the minutes of March 16, 2021 were approved. The group signified by saying aye. The Chairman declared the minutes passed.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Sandusky City Hall Gallery

McKenzie Spriggs showed the application online at cityofsandusky.com/publicart. The application has a revised timeline, going out to the public after tonight's meeting, and still meeting the launch date of mid-July. (Tentatively July 15, 2021.)

The selection committee is composed of: Cable Steinemann, Shawn Daley, Michelle Newell, and Martha Wikel of the Public Arts & Culture Commission. Tondra Frisby, the recreation youth coordinator, agreed to serve as a city staff member. There are a total of 5 members on the selection committee. They will make their selections during the month of June.

Cable Steinemann mentioned there was still a sentence about only being open to Erie County Residents. McKenzie Spriggs said she would fix and place an updated copy on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Downtown Master Plan

McKenzie Spriggs provided an update on the open planning position that normally staffs the arts and culture meetings. The city is seeking a Chief Planner who will oversee the undertaking of the priorities laid out in the downtown master plan. This person will also be responsible for the day to day staffing of the Public Arts & Culture Commission. In the meantime, McKenzie Spriggs will be overseeing the arts and culture efforts. Commission members and the public can contact her regarding the upcoming City Hall Gallery and other arts needs.

NEW BUSINESS

Asphalt Art Initiative 2021 Grant Program

Brian Stanley said he found this application online which would award up to \$25,000 to redo intersections with public art to make them safer and create a pedestrian awareness. The application is due at the end of April 2021, and he asked the commission if they thought it was a worthwhile endeavor. Many members echoed agreement that this was a great idea for Sandusky and they would appreciate Brian Stanley putting in an application on their behalf with McKenzie Spriggs' help.

McKenzie Spriggs then gave feedback she had received from City staff. The public works staff said deterioration would occur and the only sealant color they had was black. The commission said deterioration is expected and we should go forth anyway.

McKenzie Spriggs gave high visibility intersection location options that came from city staff, as places that could use traffic calming measures and enhanced pedestrian awareness:

- Huron Avenue & Hancock Street
- Huron Avenue & Wayne Street
- Columbus Avenue & Hayes Avenue & East/West Park
- West Washington Street & Camp Street & Shelby Street

Upon motion of Cable Steinemann and second of Adam Ramsdell, the commission voted to look into the Huron Avenue & Hancock Street intersection, and give it preference for the application.

The discussion continued, saying this is newly paved street and it could likely last several years. It also is in close proximity to a park and neighborhoods, making it highly in need of a treatment.

Roll call on the motion to have the Huron Avenue & Hancock Street be the preference for the asphalt application: Yeas: Marsha Carrington, Chris Parthemore, Adam Ramsdell, Brian Stanley, Cable Steinemann, Jordan Sternberg, Blake Harris, Michelle Newell, McKenzie Spriggs

Marsha Carrington shared the news that Carrington Arts would be having its first exhibit in 2021, this April 30th. Reservations are required for the show. The commission congratulated her and said they would share the word.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Jordan Sternberg and a second of Cable Steinemann, the meeting adjourned at 5:39PM. The Chairman declared the motion passed.



Attest: McKenzie Spriggs, Clerk
Date: 5 / 18 / 21



Brian Stanley, Chairperson
Date: 5 / 18 / 21