

Members present: Marsha Carrington, Brian Stanley, Cable Steinemann, Martha Wikel, Adam Ramsdell and Jordan Sternberg

Ex-Officio Members present: Greg Voltz

Members Absent: Chris Parthemore, Robin Hudnall and Gail Riedy
Ex-Officio members Roz Shepherd and Dennis Murray

Staff Present: Kelly Kresser (Clerk)

CURRENT BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Jordan Sternberg and second of Cable Steinemann, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019, meeting and suspend the formal reading. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Temporary Transit Shelter Murals Proposal

Greg Voltz said the recent public meeting held at the Sandusky Transit System hub at Washington and Wayne Streets was very successful. Approximately 30 signatures were garnered for support of this project and most of those who attended seemed to want more of the murals. There was also support for and comments made about having a larger version of one of the murals done on a building in Sandusky. The artist is open to this idea and Greg Voltz said he will follow up with him. Cable Steinemann suggested the background colors added seem to take away from the image of the individuals themselves and they would be more readable with less background. He liked the more angular, edgy style in the first renderings. He is opposed to persons being represented who have not been deceased for at least 25 years. He would like to apply the rule from the Public Art & Placemaking Plan which requires the person being honored to have been deceased for a minimum of 25 years. Martha Wikel said some of the background helps with the actual artwork blending into the glass and framework. Greg Voltz said this is contemporary art and is meant to be temporary rather than a permanent placement. Most of those who attended the public event overwhelmingly chose Barack Obama to be represented, even international students who were there. Orlando Pace was clearly the second highest vote getter with Harriet Beecher Stowe and Frederick Douglass following closely. The feedback received via social media was more political in nature. Adam Ramsdell said he thought the quotes and text below were appropriate in that they all tied the individual to Sandusky in some fashion. Greg Voltz said he will ask the artist to keep the skyline and lessen the colored dots and blocks. Martha Wikel said the text below the likeness of Orlando Pace should read "All American" and Adam Ramsdell said his most significant accomplishment as a Hall of Famer should be added. Greg Voltz said he will take these suggestions back to the artist and asked if the members could narrow their choices down to four. Greg Voltz said he will bring back final renderings for approval at the September meeting and then work toward installation.

Upon motion of Brian Stanley and second of Cable Steinemann, the members voted to utilize the likenesses of Barack Obama, Orlando Pace, Frederick Douglass and Harriet Beecher Stowe. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Greg Voltz said Stephanie Rond, the artist chosen for the **Walk Wayne/Hike Hancock project**, has resigned and will not complete, nor be paid, for the remaining two art installations. She stated she hopes she made a positive impact in the areas where the installations remain and very much enjoyed her interactions here, especially with the children. Greg Voltz said staff is looking into relocating the 'Hopes and Dreams' piece to the former City Hall site on Meigs Street with our Recreation Department. Kids will be able to add messages to it.

Greg Voltz said he is working with the city's Engineering Department on the **underpass lighting project**. Those who bid on this project will be asked to set up a demonstration as part of their Requests for Proposals.

NEW BUSINESS

Greg Voltz said city staff has been notified **MetalTek in downtown Sandusky would be amenable to public art on their building** which sits between Market and Water Streets.


ADJOURNMENT

At 5:50 p.m., upon motion of Cable Steinemann and second of Martha Wikel, the commission voted to adjourn. The Chairman declared the motion passed.



Attest: Kelly Kresser, Clerk

Date: 9/23/19



Cable Steinemann, Vice Chairperson

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