



## **Evanston Arts Council Meeting**

Tuesday, August 11th

6:30 p.m.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 2404

### **MINUTES**

Members Present: Sergio de los Reyes, Co-Chair; Fran Joy; Carole Bass; Helen Axelrood; Lisa Degliantoni, Co-Chair; Gay Riseborough; Dino Robinson; Jennifer Lasik (Staff), Jason Brown (Staff)

Members Absent: Anne Berkeley; Judith Cohen; Greg Allen

Presiding Member: Sergio de los Reyes, Co-Chair

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### **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Meeting called to order with quorum at 6:32 p.m. by Mr. de los Reyes.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT AND PRESENTATIONS**

Funding proposal by North Shore Choral Society: Karen Rigotti appealed on behalf of NSCS for \$1750 in funding from the Community Support Fund. Funds would supplement cost of production of tee shirts for the organizations' members based on the annual theme of "peace."

Returned to during New Business. Ms. Riseborough, Mr. de los Reyes and Mr. Robinson believe that funds should come from general operating expenses. Mr. de los Reyes motioned to not approve of funds. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Three in favor. Motion failed.

Ms. Bass and Ms. Joy suggested we wait until the next meeting. Mr. de los Reyes moved to defer vote until next meeting. Ms. Axelrood seconded the motion. Carried.

Ms. Riseborough moved to move all New Business to public comment. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Request from Parks and Rec for review of community service:**

Ms. Lasik presented on behalf of the City of Evanston. Noyes Tenants are currently required to do community service to supplement. City is asking Arts Council to form a subcommittee to review the community service agreement and what qualifies as

community service. Ms. Lasik reminded AC members that this is an opportunity to create meaningful service opportunities embraced by tenants.

Mr. Brown will send out a copy of the lease to Council members by the next meeting to review.

**Janet Austin Proposal:**

Ms. Austin proposing to have City of Evanston purchase a piece of her work, sculpture of a wasp and vase from the Neighborhood Public Art Fund. The project is already in production, and she suggested for West Side of Evanston. She requested the price of \$25,000. Mr. de los Reyes raised questions about site. Ms. Axelrood raised questions about material and stability. Ms. Austin presented a steel letter in as example of the material. Ms. Lasik clarified that the Public Works Department has a list of 8 sites as potential art sites. Mr. de los Reyes suggested that site be analyzed and a full budget proposed. Discussion about placement and selection occurred.

Ms. Austin presented a second proposal regarding Fountain Square. Ms. Austin presented a model of a sculpture for use at Fountain Square, to be considered as a public art element of the redevelopment process. Ms. Riseborough stated that this is a wonderful idea. Discussion to be continued in subcommittee meeting.

**Presentation from Ron Wahome:**

Mr. Wahome proposed a temporary exhibit of entrepreneurs in Evanston. He is trying to put a face to the small businesses in Evanston through a public art display of 100 pictures of local entrepreneurs. Discussion occurred about installation and materials. This was only a presentation, full proposal and budget to come next month. Discussion occurred about scope of project.

**Funding request for Host Committee “scholarships:**

Ms. Lasik requested the Arts Council consider utilizing funds to mitigate Host Committee member’s costs to attend the One State Together in the Arts Conference. Ms. Riseborough moved to write a letter to Illinois Arts Council to encourage them to let hosting committee attend. Ms. Axelrood seconded the motion. Motion passed. Co-chairs will work with Ms. Lasik to pen the letter.

**Darrow and Church barrier mural:**

This is a carried-over issue from the PAC. Ms. Lasik clarified the history of the project. Ms. Lasik asked the artists Lea Pinsky and Dustin Harris to take measurements and make a proposal. Proposed cost of \$10,000 of work would be per wall, two walls. Ms. Riseborough stated that this might be a good test project for these muralists, since the Council is considering a larger project. Mr. Robinson clarified that walls have had a history of short-term projects.

Ms. Axelrood made a motion to move the proposals made by Ms. Austin, Mr. Wahome, and for the murals to be considered in an ad hoc public art. Mr. de los Reyes seconded the motion. All in favor.

The public art ad hoc subcommittee will consist of Ms. Bass, Ms. Joy, Ms. Riseborough, Ms. Axelrood, and Ms. Cohen.

### **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES (PACKET)**

Ms. Riseborough made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Robinson seconded. All in favor. Passed.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Lasik presented new banner. Ms. Lasik reported on the following items: Art After Hours, One State Conference planning, Howard Street Theatre planning, Downtown Performing Arts Center, and documentary production. Ms. Lasik got permission to draft a percent-for-art from private development.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Public Art Criteria**

A list of public art criteria was developed from Ms. Cohen and Ms. Riseborough's criteria discussed in previous meetings. No numbers were listed. Suggestions for numbering systems were discussed. Mr. Robinson will develop a number system for the next meeting.

#### **Pinsky and Harris Mural Proposal, EMAP:**

Moved to Ad hoc committee formed to discuss this proposal.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. de los Reyes adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting will be September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,  
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