



Evanston Arts Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 4802

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Quorum declared and meeting called to order at 6:33 PM by presiding member Co-Chair Dino Robinson.

Attendees: Co-Chair Lisa Degliantoni, Co-Chair Dino Robinson, Carole Bass, Sergio de los Reyes, Fran Joy, Gay Riseborough, Judith Cohen

Absent: Anne Berkeley, Greg Allen, Nan Stein (advisory) Helen Axelrood (advisory)

2. Public Comment

a. Dave Stoneback, Director of the Public Works Agency and Stephanie Levine, Senior Project Manager, Public Works.

Mr. Stoneback and Ms. Levine informed the Arts Council members that:

- Public Works is starting the Fountain Square work.
- City is currently out to hire a design firm to help plan the project.
- Construction expected in 2017.
- Will encompass current Fountain Square and will cross Church Street to the triangular area to the south.
- Funding coming from Washington National TIF.
- Arts Council will have input into the public art piece.
- Other groups that will be involved are Veteran's group (due to the Memorial), Downtown business community, Parks and Rec, Transportation and Parking, City Council and Public.

- Green Bay/Emerson/Ridge project (continuing north to Green Bay Road);
- Currently City Council approved moving forward with IDOT.
- Working with Union Pacific for approval of various parts of the project.

- Request that the Arts Council start thinking ahead of time of the artwork in the middle of the triangle.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes (Packet)

a. December

*Mr. de los Reyes moved to approve minutes with noted changes. Ms. Riseborough seconded the motion. *Motion carried.* Ms. Cohen abstained.

4. Public Art Subcommittee

a. Updates

The Parks and Recreation Department has denied the Arts Council's request to put the sculpture designed by Janet Austin in the circular area of the front drive at the Ecology Center. Matter sent to subcommittee for discussion about alternate locations. Subcommittee will come back with a recommendation for another location or a recommendation to table the matter. Gay feels it is shortsighted by the city.

Next steps: Ms. Riseborough will draft a letter to Janet Austin.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Art and Commerce Subcommittee

*Mr. Robinson motioned that Ms. Degliantoni work with former Leadership Evanston members as well as members of the business community to explore the development of the Arts and Commerce subcommittee, serving as its Chair with Ms. Joy as an at large member. Ms. Riseborough seconded. *Motion carried unanimously.* Ms. Degliantoni will report back in upcoming meetings as needed.

6. New Business

a. Candidates for Grant Panels from within EAC

Dino Robinson

Judith Cohen

Anne Berkeley

Fran Joy

8. Communications

Ms. Lasik presented staff report (copy in packets).

Discussion surrounding new arts council members: Ms. Lasik will inquire with Mayor Tisdahl as to who the appointees are and what the timeline is for bringing them onto the Council.

Ms. Joy is having an exhibition at Noyes, with the opening on February 7, 2016.

June 4th is Evanston Made (previously Open Studios). The 3rd and 4th will feature the Evanston Made exhibition at the Evanston Art Center.

Shorefront is one of the sponsors of the 2016 Black History Lecture Series

8. Adjournment

*Ms. Riseborough motioned to adjourn. Ms. Cohen seconded. *Motion carried unanimously.*

*NPAF = Neighborhood public art fund

*CSF = Community support fund

Next Meeting: February 9, 2016