MEETING MINUTES
Public Art Committee
Tuesday June 11, 2013
6:15 p.m.
Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes Street, Studio 106

Members Present: Jason Brown, Judith Cohen, Mariah DeForest, David Geary, Deborah Hirshfield, Jenifer McCartney, Gay Riseborough.

Members Absent: David Forte, Ryan Hall – Chair, Amanda Wood

Staff Present: Jeff Cory, Cultural Arts/Arts Council Director; Jill Silverman, Secretary II Cultural Arts Division

Declaration of Quorum
With a quorum present, Ms. Riseborough, acting as chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members welcomed new member Jason Brown to the Public Art Committee.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14
It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the May 2013 meetings be approved. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Washington National TIF #4 - Artist Mr. BJ Krivanek gave a presentation on the status of Search & Effect, a public art project for the Sherman Plaza Garage. He reviewed proposed iconography for the elevator cars as well as text to be used in the lower-level garage windows. He said they are on target for an end-of-summer installation. Mr. Krivanek will send a PDF of the materials he presented to the Public Art Committee to Mr. Cory for staff review.

STAFF REPORTS
Mr. Cory reported the Human Services Committee approved the installation of the Youth Job Center mural at the intersection of Lincoln and Ridge Avenues. The CTA is supportive of a project at that site. Mr. Cory relayed concerns expressed by some Arts Council members about the appropriateness of Public Art Committee members changing the design of proposal mural submissions. Mr. Dino Robinson of the Arts Council suggested that guidelines be developed to determine the extent of the Public Art Committee’s involvement in the design of community-proposed murals. A brief discussion ensued about the difference between censorship and constructive criticism. The installation of the Justin Wynn Fund mural on Davis Street east of the train tracks was completed. The Piven Theatre Workshop expansion proposal at the Noyes
Cultural Arts Center was considered by the Human Services Committee, which voted to move the issue forward to the full City Council for consideration without a specific recommendation. City Council will consider the proposal on Monday, July 8. Mr. Cory noted one instance of citizen feedback about the Ten Thousand Ripples project, questioning the appropriateness of the Buddha heads, given their religious nature. The temporary installation is schedule to be removed this summer, though there has been discussion of several of the sculptures remaining on permanent display as a gift to the City. City Council would have to approve permanent placement of the sculptures.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Silverman distributed a volunteer sheet listing numerous opportunities to participate in arts festivals and events throughout the summer.

Ms. Hirshfield shared information about Sing for Hope, a project in which 88 artist-designed pianos were placed in parks and public spaces throughout New York City's five boroughs. Information can be found at www.singforhope.com.

Mr. Cory reported Ms. Riseborough was a participating artist in last week's Artruck event. The Starlight Concert Series opens this week with a performance by Paul Cebar Tomorrow Sound on Thursday, June. The series continues most Tuesdays and Thursdays through August 20.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Silverman
Secretary II, Parks Recreation & Community Services