



Evanston Arts Council Minutes

Tuesday September 11, 2018

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

6:30pm

MINUTES

Members Present: Susan Davis Friedman, Gay Riseborough, Beth Adler, Fran Joy, Lisa Degliantoni, Steven Demorest, Jamal Ahmad, Judith Cohen

1. **Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum** - Ms. Degliantoni
Ms. Degliantoni called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 6:37pm.

2. **Public Comment** – Ms. Degliantoni
There was no public comment.

Ms. Adler moved to add the Thursday, September 13, 2018 budget meeting to New Business, seconded by Ms. Riseborough. Vote called and taken. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Approve Meeting Minutes** – Ms. Davis Friedman
Ms. Adler moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 14, 2018, seconded by Ms. Riseborough. Vote called and taken. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Staff Report** – Ms. Lasik

- The Arts Council has been invited to partner with the Block Museum's Caravans of Gold exhibition, which includes conversations of exchange, intimacy and labels.
- The CTA pulled permission to paint a mural at South Blvd. The City will honor the contract with Mr. Barker. He has chosen the south wall of Greenwood as an alternate site.
- EMAP will step in to get South Blvd viaduct painted with a different mural.

5. **C3 Report** - Ms. Degliantoni
Ms. Degliantoni discussed an October 15th learning session for artists in marketing and social media training.

6. **Public Art Subcommittee** – Ms. Riseborough
 - The murals are done on Ridge/Emerson/Green Bay.
 - Photo concept artist Damon Reed submitted the mural design for Gibbs Morrison Cultural Center to honor the history of the neighborhood and the business owners.
 - Ms. Riseborough displayed Paul Barker’s updated design for the Greenwood viaduct. The cost is estimated to remain \$12,000. The mural will be installed by the end of October pending CTA and Union Pacific approval.
 - Dustin Harris of EMAP will complete the mural installation at South Blvd pending design review and permissions from CTA and UP. Mural to be installed by November 15.
 - Ms. Riseborough presented the Girl Scout mural design for review.
 - Main Dempster Mile artists proposed a revolving mural gallery for the Washington (between Chicago and Custer) viaduct that would change each year for 3-5 years. This item was tabled until the “no paint” is list received.
 - Two sculptures that were approved at the last meeting will be placed. The third sculpture is not available.
 - At Ms. Riseborough’s inquiry, Ms. Lasik confirmed that an RFQ should go out to investigate a light installation at the Noyes viaduct. A developer is donating \$10,000 for public art for this project.
 - Ms. Joy suggested conducting a tour all of public art in November.

7. **Policy Working Group** – Ms. Davis Friedman
No report

8. **Old Business** - Ms. Degliantoni
Bright Night for the Arts is tentatively scheduled on November 13, 2018 with Mayor Steve Hagerty. Discussion held about the program including awards, presentations and recognizing funded artists.

Mr. Demorest requested a map of all the public art to be distributed to the group. He also asked that the agenda includes times.

9. **New Business** - Ms. Davis Friedman
Ms. Riseborough moved to recommend EMAP be commissioned to paint the South Blvd mural at a cost of \$14,000 (if not prepped by the City or \$12,000 if the City prepares the space), seconded by Ms. Joy. Vote called and taken. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Adler abstains.

APPROVED

Ms. Riseborough moved to recommend the Committee approve the girl scout mural design, seconded by Mr. Ahmad. Vote called and taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Riseborough moved to recommend approval of the Greenwood Street mural by Paul Barker, seconded by Mr. Demorest. Vote called and taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Riseborough moved to recommend approval of the Gibbs-Morrison mural design as long as it does not denote a brand name, seconded by Ms. Joy. Vote called and taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Adler discussed the upcoming budget meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2018. She drafted a letter from the Committee to encourage the continued funding of public art. She asked the Committee members to attend the satellite ward meetings or the meeting here at the Civic Center.

10. **Adjournment**

Mr. Demorest left at 8:27pm. Mr. Ahmad moved to recommend adjournment, seconded by Ms. Joy. The meeting adjourned at 8:31pm