



Evanston Arts Council Minutes
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 2404
6:30pm

MINUTES

Members Present: Susan Davis Friedman, Beth Adler, Lisa Corrin, Judith Cohen, Hope Washinushi, Gay Riseborough, Fran Joy

Members Absent: Steven Demorest, Jamal Ahmad

1. **Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum** - Ms. Davis Friedman

Ms. Davis Friedman called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There was no quorum established. Ms. Joy arrived at 6:40 p.m. and Ms. Davis Friedman declared a quorum.

2. **Public Comment** – Ms. Davis Friedman

None

3. **Approval of the October 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes** - Ms. Adler

Ms. Washinushi moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 16, 2018, seconded by Ms. Cohen.

Vote called and taken.

Ms. Joy and Ms. Washinushi abstained.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Staff Report** – Ms. Richardson/Ms. Martínez

In an effort to reduce spending, and to reach our environmental goals and STAR goal of being the most livable city in America, staff recommends to stop printing packets for the Evanston Arts Council starting in January 2019. Ms. Richardson discussed the possibility of implementing a new agenda

management system in 2019. An alternative is to project packets and reports during the meeting.

Ms. Richardson also discussed revisiting the solicitation of artists to display public art in the Civic Center for a 1 year term. The purpose is to showcase black art and artist in and out of Evanston, notably in the Fleetwood Jourdain gallery on the 2nd floor of the Civic Center.

Ms. Richardson will add the following items to the next meeting agenda:

- a. Is the Arts Council interested in curating the halls?
- b. Review policy of curation program

5. Chairs Report – Ms. Adler/Ms. Davis Friedman

The Co-Chairs reported four new members of the Arts Council will be approved at the January 14, 2019 City Council meeting.

Ms. Davis Friedman discussed the administration of the \$30,000 Cultural Fund Grant. Ms. Corrin agreed to lead the process and noted reviewing the parameters of the Illinois Arts Council Program as a guide. Ms. Adler suggested forming a working group to determine the process.

6. Policy Working Group – Ms. Davis Friedman

Ms. Davis Friedman detailed previous work towards revising the City Code regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Arts Council. Ms. Richardson explained the difference between adopting bylaws and revision of the ordinance. This discussion/process will be added to the January 15, 2019 agenda.

7. Public Art Subcommittee – Ms. Riseborough

Ms. Riseborough would like to schedule a January 3, 2019 Public Art Subcommittee meeting to discuss signage for 3 sculptures. After discussion, Ms. Richardson explained that this subcommittee is subject to the Open Meetings Act and must publish a public notice of a meeting, agenda, approve the meeting calendar for the year and take and approve minutes of each meeting. Staff will post the meeting notice for January 3, 2019.

8. Robert Crown Report – Ms. Adler

Ms. Adler and Ms. Joy are members of a six-person group charged with reviewing the 260 proposals for public art at the new Robert Crown Community Center. Andy Tinucchi, lead architect for the project, will present the finalists chose to the Arts Council at the January 15, 2019 meeting.

9. **Old Business** - Ms. Davis Friedman
- a. Bright Night for the Arts – The event was a success with over 140 guests. Special thanks to Ms. Adler, Ms. Davis Friedman, Ms. Martínez and Ms. Richardson for coordination of the event.
 - b. 2019 Budget Update
Ms. Davis Friedman noted that the City Council restored the Arts Council's \$50,000 budget and \$25,000 Capital Improvements Program budget for 2019. Ms. Richardson provided a draft budget for review. The final draft will be presented at the January 15, 2019 meeting for approval.

10. **New Business** - Ms. Adler

- a. Main Dempster Mile Revolving Mural Program

The Main Dempster Mile Revolving Mural Program artist requested free reign to paint a revolving mural at no cost to the City. The Arts Council agrees to the terms set forth in the guidelines set by Union Pacific/CTA. Additional guidelines: 1) The Arts Council and the 3rd and 4th Ward Aldermen will review and sign off on design prior to installation; 2) The Main Dempster Mile Revolving Mural Program agrees to abide by the "please don't paint list."

Motion to approve the Main Dempster Mile Revolving Mural Program made by Ms. Corrin

Seconded by Ms. Riseborough

Vote called and taken. Motion carried unanimously

- b. 2019 Arts Council Meeting Calendar
Motion to approve the 2019 Arts Council Meeting Calendar made by Ms. Joy
Seconded by Ms. Washinushi
Vote called and taken. Motion carried unanimously

- c. 2019 Arts Council Retreat
The Council will discuss possible dates at the end of February for a retreat.

11. **Adjournment**

Ms. Riseborough moved to recommend adjournment, seconded by Ms. Corrin. The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janella Hardin, PHR