



Evanston Arts Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room G300

6:30pm

MINUTES

Members Present: Susan Davis Friedman, Beth Adler, Lisa Corrin, Judith Cohen, Gay Riseborough, BJ Jones, Toby Sachs, Angela Williams, Indira Johnson, Hope Washinushi (arrived at 6:58pm)

Members Absent: Steven Demorest, Jamal Ahmad

Others Present: Lara Biggs, Stefanie Levine, Andy Tinucchi, Fran Joy, Kimberly Richardson, Paulina Martinez, Janella Hardin

1. **Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum**

Ms. Davis Friedman called the meeting to order at 6:32pm and declared a quorum.

2. **Welcome New Members**

Ms. Davis Friedman welcomed the new members appointed to the Evanston Arts Council. Each new and existing member briefly introduced themselves, talked about their background and what motivated them to join the Council.

3. **Public Comment**

None

4. **Approval of the December 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Corrin moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 11, 2018, seconded by Ms. Riseborough. **Vote called and taken. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Enrich Evanston Presentation**

Vince Flood discussed the background and founding of Enrich Evanston. Toby Sachs invited the Evanston Arts Council to attend a moderated panel discussion consisting of Evanston arts organizations across all arts forms in the first quarter of 2019. The focus of the meeting would be on the process and outcomes of the work so far, and to explore what might be done next with a broader group.

6. Neighborhood Arts Funding for Approval

a. Winter HeARTh Project Presentation – Jason Brown

The Winter HeARTh Project is a 5-year community art series started by Jason Brown. He would like to provide booklets as a thanks to the partners involved in the series. The cost of 18 full color, bound booklets is \$270.

Ms. Corrin moved to approve funding the cost to print 18 full color, bound booklets for a total of \$270 to Jason Brown of the Winter HeARTh project, seconded by Mr. Sachs. **Vote called and taken. Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Word, Art Exhibit – Ben and Melissa Blount

This item was tabled as the representatives were unable to attend the meeting.

7. Robert Crown Public Art Installation

Andy Tinucchi of Woodhouse Tinucchi Architects introduced himself and discussed how the selection committee members chose the five finalists and agreed on the recommended piece of art. The committee members are: Lara Biggs, Andy Tinucchi, Stefanie Levine, Fran Joy, Beth Adler and Lisa Stein.

Mr. Tinucchi discussed the types of public art to be considered, concepts of each of the pieces, the budget and estimated cost of each proposal. There were 261 proposals received, with only 5 artists short-listed. Each of the 5 artists received a \$2,000 honorarium to prepare a proposal for consideration. The selection committee recommends Mark Fornes' proposal. Mr. Tinucchi added

After discussion, Ms. Adler asked staff to negotiate with the recommended artists to modify his proposal to fit the budget of \$325,000.

Ms. Riseborough moved to approve staff to negotiate with the selected artist to create a piece that fits the \$325,000 budget, seconded by Ms. Corrin. **Vote called and taken. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Riseborough moved to approve staff negotiate with Blessing Hancock. Not seconded. **Motion failed.**

Mr. Tinucchi will come back to the February meeting with the negotiation result.

8. Approval of 2019 Arts Council Budget

Mr. Sachs moved to recommend approval of the 2019 Arts Council Budget, seconded by Ms. Cohen. **Vote called and taken. Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Approval of 2019 Cultural Fund Grant Guidelines

The Council reviewed the 2019 Cultural Fund Grant Guidelines. The discussion included grant categories, eligibility criteria and funding policies.

Ms. Adler moved to recommend approval of the 2019 Cultural Fund Grant Guidelines, seconded by Ms. Johnson. **Vote called and taken. Motion carried unanimously.**

10. Chairs Report

Ms. Adler encouraged the Council members to become more involved in local art events as Arts Ambassadors.

Ms. Davis Friedman asked the Council members about availability to attend an Arts Council Retreat on a Friday afternoon in late February.

11. Public Art Subcommittee Report

Ms. Riseborough moved to recommend offering a sculpture lease extension with Janet Austin for 2 years at \$1,000 per year, seconded by Ms. Cohen. **Vote called and taken. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Riseborough reported that the Girl Scout mural will be completed in the spring. EMAP will come to the Council with a cost proposal to repair all their murals.

The next Public Art Subcommittee Meeting will be February 28, 2019 at 1pm.

12. Staff Report

Assistant to the City Manager Paulina Martinez asked the Council to consider adopting an Art Donation Policy, which consists of three items:

- To donate to the City an existing work(s) of art, slides of the work and verification of authenticity (if applicable) must be submitted to the Public Art Committee (PAC)
- The Collections Committee of the PAC reviews each proposed donation and meets with the donor and/or artists regarding the work and its placement.
- A review panel consisting of representatives of the PAC, the arts community, and the proposed host site, will make recommendations to the Human Services Committee and the City Council for approval or denial. If the host site is the Evanston Public Library, the Library Collections Committee, a standing committee, manages the review process.

She also requested members of the Arts Council facilitate the Cultural Fund grant workshop on February 23, 2019. Ms. Davis Friedman agreed to lead the workshop.

13. Announcements

Ms. Washinushi announced the YEA fundraiser on February 27, 2019 from 4-6pm. Tickets are \$40 per person and children are free. There will be a raffle for Hamilton tickets.

Ms. Corrin announced an exhibit opening at the Block Museum next Saturday at 2pm.

14. Adjournment

Ms. Davis Friedman moved to recommend adjournment, seconded by Ms. Corrin. The meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janella Hardin, PHR