



PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 – 6 p.m.

Lorraine Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 2404

Members Present: J. Ahmad, H. Axelrood, I. Johnson, J. Cohen, G. Riseborough, F. Joy, H. Washinushi (arrived 6:24 p.m.)

Staff Present: P. Martínez

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM

6:08 pm

2. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2019

Approved 6-0

3. Public Comment

No Public comment

4. For Consideration

A. Noyes CTA Station Public Art Proposals

The members of the subcommittee reviewed the proposals submitted by Chicago Public Art Group (CPAG) CODAworx.

Ms. Indira Johnson asked why wood was not chosen, as plexiglass scratches. Ms. Johnson said the CPAG proposal was “okay”, but it was missing the “wow” factor.

Ms. Fran Joy asked if the artists considered the Illinois weather.

Ms. Gay Riseborough expressed disappointment in CODAworx given the lack of concepts.

Dr. Jamal Ahmad stated that the funds allocated for the project would go farther with CPAG.

Ms. Fran Joy said CPAG would be more accessible to work with, as they are local.

The committee instructed staff to reach out to both organizations and ask for more ideas.

B. Mural Repair Action Plan

A proposal to retouch/repair mural produced by the Evanston Mural Art Program was reviewed by the committee.

Ms. Riseborough indicate she would choose the Dempster and Foster Street murals, because the efflorescence shows up the worst on the light colors.

Ms. Washinushi suggested the top 3 (Central Street, Foster, and Dempster), given the amount of foot traffic on Central Street, and therefore the level of visibility.

Ms. Washinushi moved to repair the Central, Foster and Dempster Street Murals. Dr. Ahmad Jamal second. Motion carried unanimously.

5. For Discussion

A. Public Art Donation Policy

Ms. Johnson suggested adding language that indicated that the Arts Council would choose a suitable location, not the donor. Donor could make suggestions.

Ms Riseborough suggested Item “e” is a barrier to donation, too burdensome: “A written description and/or drawing of the proposed method of installation and a timeline for the transportation and installation of the artwork.”

Ms. Johnson suggested adding language to the preceding phrase to say “as much as possible.”

Dr. Ahmad suggested adding language that “we reserve the right to reject without cause.”

Ms. Judith Cohen suggested having the legal department review it.

Staff will work on the reviews and bring a second draft to a future meeting.

B. Public Art Inventory

Ms. Riseborough asked for the pieces of public art in the website to be displayed on the City’s Public Art page chronologically from most recent.

For the public art inventory, Dr. Ahmad suggested everyone takes a neighborhood

Gay R., Ward 1

Indira J., Ward 2
Judith C., Ward 3
Hope W., Ward 4
Helen A., Ward 5
Jamal A., Wards 8 and 9
Fran J., Wards 6 and 7

An inventory from the members is due at the July meeting.

6. Reports

A. *Emitting Waves* Repair Update

Staff to continue working with artist to find a mutually convenient timeframe and fee.

B. Sculpture Plaque Updates

Staff to order plaques with the lowest bidder.

C. *Conversations* Sculpture Repair Update

Staff continues waiting for a quote.

7. Communications

8. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.