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6 **PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE**

7 Tuesday, October 1, 2019 – 6 p.m.

8 Lorraine Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 2404
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10 **Members Present:** J. Cohen, I. Johnson, G. Riseborough, H. Axelrod, J. Ahmad, F.
11 Joy

12 **Staff Present:** Paulina Martínez
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14 **1. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

15 The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

16 **2. Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2019**

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18 Approved unanimously.
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20 **3. Public Comment**

21 No public comment.
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23 **4. Consideration**

24 A. Re-Grow, Re-Vive Purchase

25 Ms. Martínez explained to the committee that Ms. Vivian Visser, author of the *Re-grow,*
26 *Re-vive.* Sculpture is offering to sell the piece to the city for an additional \$2,500. She
27 added that the piece is projected to have a life expectancy of three years or six years if
28 properly maintained.
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30 Ms. Riseborough suggested offering her \$1,000.
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32 Ms. Cohen asked who pays for the maintenance of the piece. Ms. Martínez advised that
33 responsibility would fall on the City of Evanston.
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35 Ms. Axelrod suggested offering the artist \$2,500, but a coating of varnishing should be
36 included.
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38 Ms. Joy stated that we should not spend more than what we have committed to pay
39 already, because life expectancy is uncertain.
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41 Ms. Johnson and Ms. Riseborough both suggested offering a lower rate to the original
42 amount paid for the current lease.
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44 Staff was directed to negotiate a lower amount with the artist.
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46 B. Plaque for “Mound”
47 Ms. Martínez advised the committee she procured bids for the plaques and
48 recommended awarding the bid to the lowest bidder.

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50 Passed 6-0

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52 **5. Discussion**

53 A. Contract Pay Structure

54 Ms. Riseborough said at that at the last Arts Council meeting someone mentioned that
55 the City should withhold part of the payment of commission pieces for a year to make
56 sure the piece lasts a year.

57 Ms. Johnson indicated that when she worked with CTA that was the structure –they
58 withheld payment for a year to ensure the piece was in good condition for at least a
59 year.

60 Ms. Riseborough suggesting that instead of withholding payment for a year, that we
61 make sure to add maintenance warranty on art pieces. Ms. Martínez indicated she will
62 work with legal on reviewing the current contract templates.

63 B. 2020 Mural Repairs

64 Ms. Riseborough recommended prioritizing murals in 2020 based on the mural’s age
65 and condition. She suggested concentrating on the Church Street murals, east of
66 Dodge. She indicated she would not want to spend more than \$1,500 on the repairs of
67 this mural.

68 C. Robert Crown Community Center East Wall

69 Ms. Riseborough explained Arts Council Chair, Beth Adler, wanted for the Public Arts
70 Subcommittee to come up with ideas to do a big public art piece at the west wall of the
71 new Robert Crown Community Center, because the wall is really big and blank. No
72 murals, maybe a wall sculpture.

73 Dr. Ahmad said it is a good idea, and it might be nice to coordinate it with the motif of
74 Blessing’s piece.

75 Ms. Martínez said she will consult with the City’s engineer.

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77 D. Michael Montenegro Mural Expansion

78 Ms. Riseborough indicated she wanted artist Michael Montenegro to expand his mural
79 to the entire wall.

80 Ms. Martínez expressed concern over the artist’s commitment to the project in previous
81 years. Paulina – concerns about commitment.

82 Ms. Riseborough said Mr. Montenegro is painter and not a public artist. Ms. Martínez
83 and Ms. Johnson expressed concern that Mr. Montenegro is not a public artist.

84 Ms. Riseborough asked the committee to drive by the mural and come back with
85 thoughts at the next meeting.

86 **6. Reports**

87 A. Noyes Street Station

88 Ms. Martínez reported that CTA had denied the proposal, and is now working with
89 Chicago Public Art Group (CPAG) and other stakeholders to find an alternative site and
90 revise the design.

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92 B. 2019 Budget

93 Ms. Martínez provided a brief overview of 2019 expenses to date, and provided
94 information about the proposed 2020 budget.

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96 **7. Adjournment**

97 The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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