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6 **PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE**

7 Tuesday, November 5, 2019 – 6 p.m.

8 Lorraine Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 2404
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10 **Members Present:** Gay Riseborough (Chair), Judith Cohen, Indira Johnson,
11 Helen Axelrod, Fran Joy, Jamal Ahmad

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

15 Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

16 **2. Approval of Minutes from October 1, 2019**

17 Ms. Riseborough wanted her last name corrected in line #60, and remove the word
18 “that” from line #61.

19 **Approved unanimously as amended.**
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21 **3. Public Comment**

22 No public comment.
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24 **4. Consideration**

25 A. 828 Noyes Design

26 The Subcommittee reviewed the design and provided the following feedback:

- 27 1) The design should be elevated to be no lower than the handicap sign, but can go
28 lower where the handicap spot is.
29 2) The committee wants clarification from the artist on the materials to be use:
30 plexiglass, allupanel or a mix.
31 3) What is the resistance of the materials if impacted by a car.
32 4) Will the structure be attached flat to the wall or will it “hang” from the wall.
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34 The item was tabled until more information from the artist is provided.
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36 **5. Discussion**

37 A. Emitting Waves Next Steps

38 Ms. Martinez explained Rob Smart has not turned in a proposal yet, which was due by
39 November 1st 2019. Ms. Martinez asked the Subcommittee how to move forward. Ms.
40 Johnson suggested reaching out to other artists to at least get a sense of the amount of
41 work and pricing. Ms. Riseborough said she would do that research, but expressed she
42 would prefer to work with the original artist.

43 B. 2020 Planning – Utility Box Contest & Howard Street Mural

- 44 • Ms. Riseborough said in 2020 she wants to prioritize:
- 45 • Murals repairs on Church Street
- 46 • New mural at Lake & Sherman viaduct that complements the Girl Scout mural
- 47 • New mural at Howard & Chicago Union Pacific viaduct. Ms. Adler suggested a
- 48 bricolage mural together with Rogers Parks, which is across the street. Ms.
- 49 Johnson said Northwestern University has a department of materials science,
- 50 with experts on cement that could help guide us through the process of
- 51 evaluating the wall.
- 52 • Utility boxes art contest. It was suggested to do wraps instead of painting them.
- 53 Ms. Adler suggested doing a photo theme.
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55 The Subcommittee and staff will do further due diligence to determine the feasibility of

56 each project

57 C. Women’s Suffrage Commemoration

58 The Subcommittee suggested doing an ex exhibit in the parasol room. The idea will be

59 further fleshed out at the next meeting.

60 D. Street Crossing Art

61 Ms. Johnson said that she is interested in painting crosswalks as part of her “Year of

62 Kindness” project

63 Ms. Riseborough and Ms. Johnson offered to identify potential locations and materials

64 that will last longer than the materials that were used at the crosswalk on Asbury and

65 Washington.

66 E. Mural Vandalism

67 Ms. Riseborough requested feedback and ideas from the Subcommittee on how to

68 address vandalism in the murals. Ms. Johnson suggested engaging graffiti artists in a

69 meaningful way. Dr. Ahmad suggesting adding cameras to monitor the mural areas and

70 adding a sign that states we are video monitoring.

71 Ms. Axelrood suggested getting the police involved in identifying the tagging community.

72 Ms. Johnson suggested also involving the Youth and Young Adults Services division to

73 get in touch with the tagging community

74 **6. Announcements**

75 Ms Riseborough reported that Leafgate Park is being replanted with new bulbs and
76 cleaned up.

77 **7. Adjournment**

78 Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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80 Respectfully Submitted,

81 Paulina Martinez