PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 5, 2019 – 6 p.m.
Lorraine Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 2404

Members Present: Gay Riseborough (Chair), Judith Cohen, Indira Johnson, Helen Axelrood, Fran Joy, Jamal Ahmad

Staff Present: Paulina Martínez

1. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM
Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from October 1, 2019
Ms. Riseborough wanted her last name corrected in line #60, and remove the word “that” from line #61.
Confirmed unanimously as amended.

3. Public Comment
No public comment.

4. Consideration
A. 828 Noyes Design
The Subcommittee reviewed the design and provided the following feedback:
1) The design should be elevated to be no lower than the handicap sign, but can go lower where the handicap spot is.
2) The committee wants clarification from the artist on the materials to be used: plexiglass, allupanel or a mix.
3) What is the resistance of the materials if impacted by a car.
4) Will the structure be attached flat to the wall or will it “hang” from the wall.

The item was tabled until more information from the artist is provided.

5. Discussion
A. Emitting Waves Next Steps
Ms. Martinez explained Rob Smart has not turned in a proposal yet, which was due by November 1, 2019. Ms. Martinez asked the Subcommittee how to move forward. Ms. Johnson suggested reaching out to other artists to at least get a sense of the amount of work and pricing. Ms. Riseborough said she would do that research, but expressed she would prefer to work with the original artist.
B. 2020 Planning – Utility Box Contest & Howard Street Mural

- Ms. Riseborough said in 2020 she wants to prioritize:
  - Murals repairs on Church Street
  - New mural at Lake & Sherman viaduct that complements the Girl Scout mural
  - New mural at Howard & Chicago Union Pacific viaduct. Ms. Adler suggested a bricolage mural together with Rogers Parks, which is across the street. Ms. Johnson said Northwestern University has a department of materials science, with experts on cement that could help guide us through the process of evaluating the wall.
  - Utility boxes art contest. It was suggested to do wraps instead of painting them. Ms. Adler suggested doing a photo theme.

The Subcommittee and staff will do further due diligence to determine the feasibility of each project

C. Women’s Suffrage Commemoration

The Subcommittee suggested doing an ex exhibit in the parasol room. The idea will be further fleshed out at the next meeting.

D. Street Crossing Art

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

Ms. Riseborough and Ms. Johnson offered to identify potential locations and materials that will last longer than the materials that were used at the crosswalk on Asbury and Washington.

E. Mural Vandalism

Ms. Riseborough requested feedback and ideas from the Subcommittee on how to address vandalism in the murals. Ms. Johnson suggested engaging graffiti artists in a meaningful way. Dr. Ahmad suggesting adding cameras to monitor the mural areas and adding a sign that states we are video monitoring.

Ms. Axelrood suggested getting the police involved in identifying the tagging community. Ms. Johnson suggested also involving the Youth and Young Adults Services division to get in touch with the tagging community

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

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paulina Martinez