Arts Council Meeting  
June 9, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Member Present: Beth, Angela, Toby, Chantal, BJ, Gay, Jamal, Judith, Massai, James, Indira, Lisa Corrin

Staff Present: Paulina Martínez

1. Call to Order
   Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment
   Ms. Clara Kelley introduced herself and expressed her desire to learn more about public art. She asked about the 1% for Art ordinance and about the public art project for the new Robert Crown Community Center.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2020
   Mr. Sachs corrected the minutes to change his title from “Ms.” To “Mr.” Ms. Adler moved to approve the minutes as amended. Dr. Ahmad seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration
   a. Approval of Purchase of repair Lights for “Search and Effect”
      A request to approve $2,349.77 for repair to the lighting of the “Search and Effect” was made. City staff researched lights that would hold up the high voltage of the art installation. Ms. Adler moved to approved. Ms. Riseborough seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

   b. Approval of Contract with Chicago Sculpture International (CSI)
      Ms. Riseborough and Ms. Martínez explained that CSI was making a proposal to manage the sculpture leasing program for the City of Evanston, at $5,000 per piece for a period of two years. At the recommendation of the Public Art Subcommittee, four sculptures will be leased – three (Quinlan Park, Eiden Park, and Harbert Park) of the sites are in place, and a new site will be chosen at a later meeting.

      The Arts Council and its subcommittees would retain the right to choose the pieces.

      The Arts Council directed staff to negotiate an extension on the lease for Harbert Park.

      Mr. Sachs suggested that an effort is made to highlight local artists and artists of color.
      Ms. Riseborough moved to approve. Ms. Adler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Discussion
   a. Executive Directors Interviews Debrief
      Mr. Sachs reported they had a good amount of feedback, which he plans
to further discuss at the Executive Directors luncheon the next day.

   b. Illinois Arts Council Agency – Community Access Grant
      Ms. Martínez explained to the Arts Council that the Illinois Arts Council
Agency (IACA) opened the application cycle for the Community Access
Grant, which requires a cash match. Due to the pandemic, the Arts
Council’s budget was frozen, and in order to make a compelling argument
to the City Council, Ms. Martínez asked for help reimagining how to utilize
the potential money the Evanston Arts Council could get from IACA.

      Feedback was provided, and Mr. Sachs committed to helping create a
draft of new guidelines.

   c. Executive Directors Brown bag Virtual Lunch
      Mr. Sachs announced the Arts Council would hold a virtual meeting the
next day to check-in with executive directors of arts organizations. The
Arts Council members are invited.

6. Communications
   a. Chair’s report
      No report.

   b. Public Arts Subcommittee Report
      Ms. Riseborough and Ms. Martínez reported that the mural repairs were
still ongoing on central Street and Foster Street.

   c. Equity in the Arts Working Group Report
      Mr. Sachs reported they will meet on 6/17/2020.

   d. Staff Report
      The Central Street mural was tagged. It will cost a total of $1,800 to repair.

7. Adjournment
   Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.