

MINUTES - SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

5:00 P.M.

Conference Room A, Southfield Pavilion

AMENDED 2/20/2024

Roll Call

Crum; Flagg; Goldstein; Ligan; McTaggart; Milinsky; Wood (Arrived 5:12); Zeigler (Arrived 5:09)

Excused:

Absent: Jones, Pizana, Thomas

Also present: Croad, Bollin, Siver, LaLone, Pricella Phifer

5:01pm: Roll call determined that there was a quorum present to conduct business.

Approval of Agenda

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion by Crum, supported by Milinsky to approve the meeting agenda. Approved 6-0 (Crum, Flagg, Goldstein, Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky)

Public comment (limited to three minutes/person):

Croad introduced the new Downtown Development Authority Director, Molly LaLone to the commission. LaLone introduced herself and gave a quick summary of her background. She stated that she has already reached out to members of the DDA about proposed improvements to certain areas and will keep the commission informed of relevant developments.

2024 Election of Officers:

Flagg asked for nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Flagg was nominated to serve as Commission Chair, Milinsky was nominated as Vice Chair, Wood was nominated for Treasurer, and Crum was nominated for Secretary. Flagg asked for a motion to approve the slate of nominated officers.

Zeigler arrived at 5:09.

Motion by Goldstein, supported by Ligan to approve the election of officers as nominated. Approved 7-0 (Crum, Flagg, Goldstein, Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky, Zeigler)

Wood arrived at 5:12

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for November. McTaggart stated that he would like to see a change to the November minutes. He explained that it was a misrepresentation of what he said regarding the maintenance of the Etrog sculpture. He also felt that the term metal worker was misleading regarding the local expert that he had met with.

Croad stated that in the future, if commission members have changes, they wish to make to the minutes, that they reach out to him or Bollin regarding the corrections in order to save time in meetings. He also reminded the commission that the minutes are not an exact record of what was discussed verbatim but are more in summary.

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for November as amended.

Motion by Wood, supported by Zeigler to approve the November meeting minutes as amended. Approved 8-0 (Crum, Flagg, Goldstein, Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky, Wood, Zeigler)

Sub-Committees Reports: (Master Plan: Fundraising, Education & Outreach)

Financial Report:

Croad stated that there were no invoices to approve since the commission's last meeting.

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the financial report through 12/31/23.

Motion by Zeigler, supported by Milinsky to approve the financial report through 12/31/23. Approved 8-0 (Crum, Flagg, Goldstein, Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky, Wood, Zeigler)

Presentations/Project Status Updates/Approvals:

9 Mile Corridor/Sebastian Sculpture:

Mayor Siver provided an update on the status of the fundraising effort for the Sebastian sculpture. He explained that he has been calling and asking for donations from local businesses and has also applied for two grants, one of which was approved. The GMAR grant award was in the amount of \$5,000 and will go toward the purchase and shipment of the sculpture from Mexico City to Southfield. Siver stated he is working with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce who may be interested in helping with the logistics of the project such as the pouring of concrete, shipping, etc. Talks are still ongoing.

"Brothers" & "The Key":

Croad gave an update on the status of the two sculptures that are planned for installation in the spring. An easement agreement between the city and Lawrence Technological University was signed last week and will be going before the city council at the end of the month to accept the agreement in order to place one of the sculptures near the football field on campus. Croad also explained that the other sculpture would be placed at the corner of Beech and 9 Mile Road in front of the fire station.

Beechwoods Mural:

Siver gave a short update on the status of the mural installation at Beechwoods Recreation Center. He explained that the company was preparing to install it in the coming weeks.

Southfield Mural Program:

Bollin provided an update on the status of the mural program. He explained that he and Croad had spoken with the city attorney, and she provided them with a draft agreement between the city and any future muralists. Croad explained that this was needed in order to make clear the agreement and expectation between the city and artist and that the city did not plan to invest in upkeep and maintenance of the murals but would instead work to provide a new mural once the previous one had reached its end of life. Bollin stated that the planning department was working with local artists to create and refresh existing murals along the barrier wall near Lawrence Tech and planned to have it completed in the spring. Bollin also informed the commission that he was trying to launch the city's mural program with a Welcome to Southfield mural that would hopefully be placed near the ice arena entrance. Talks were still ongoing with the Parks and Recreation department, and he would keep the commission updated on developments.

8 Mile/Greenfield Lighting project:

Siver spoke about the bridge lighting project and partnerships that he was working on with Detroit and Oak Park in order to complete the project. He talked about a crowd funding campaign with MEDC similar to what the city did for Red Pole Park that would give the city 60 days to raise \$50,000. By raising that amount within the time frame, the project would be eligible for a fund match from Patronicity, the funding organization.

Zeigler left 5:52

Maintenance & repair:

North round-a-bout solar panel:

Croad gave a summary of the most recent incident with vehicles damaging art and landscaping within the city. A solar light and some of the landscaping around the north Evergreen round-a-bout were damaged on New Years Eve by a driver. The insurance claim was recently started, and he would provide updates in the future.

"Untitled" Seated Female Figure:

Croad stated that a former untitled art piece was recently found to belong to a local artist, Betty Jacob. He stated that he would look into getting a quote for an updated name plaque for the art piece and would bring it to a future meeting.

Gratitude

Croad provided a short update on the status of Gratitude. He stated that the artist, Jay Lefkowitz, was currently fabricating the new piece and would hopefully have it completed by the spring.

11 Mile Obelisk

Croad provided an overview on the insurance process for the obelisk installation. He explained that he had received quotes of over \$6,000 to remove the current concrete base and another quote for \$16,000 to replace and install a new base. Due to these quotes, the insurance company wanted to explore alternatives and the process was still ongoing.

Etrog Sculpture:

McTaggart provided an update on the sculpture, stating that he and a local expert, Ray Katz had examined the sculpture over the holidays. He explained that it was the expert's belief that the sculpture showed no signs of quick deterioration due to exposure to the elements and that he believed that repairs could be completed on site.

Fox 2:

The mayor reported that Fox 2 will be working on their 9 Mile street appearance, including new fencing and landscaping.

Fundraising (Strategies):

2024 Event Coordination:

Flagg discussed the ongoing foyer art exhibits at city hall and talked about future exhibits, including a planned Black History Month installation that is set for installation beginning on February 5th. In kind donations from artists displaying their work in the atrium was discussed.

Scholarship/Grants:

Bollin began the discussion by stating that although he had reached out to at least a dozen school officials, he had not heard anything back regarding possible student outreach. Siver and Flagg spoke about an event that they attended last year with Orchards Child Services and stated that they could be a possible partner for child outreach for art education and exhibits in the future.

Education & Outreach Program:

School outreach/coordination

Siver and Croad discussed the LTU Summer Camp that the planning department helps to put on and highlighted moments with students from last year's camp. Siver stated that due to his efforts with the summer camp, Croad had been recognized by the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Board Member Comments:

All newly elected officers thanked the commission for their nominations and looked forward to continuing the commissions work.

Southfield Public Art's Commission Meeting Schedule for January 2024 – December 2024

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the meeting schedule for January 2024 through December 2024.

**Motion by McTaggart, supported by Wood to approve the meeting schedule for 2024.
Approved 7-0 (Crum, Flagg, Goldstein, Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky, Wood)**

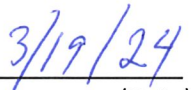
Adjournment:

Motion by Wood, supported by Ligan to adjourn the meeting. Approved 7-0 (Crum, Flagg, Goldstein, Ligan, McTaggart, Milinsky, Wood)

Meeting Adjourned 7:02pm



Lilian Crumm, Secretary



(Date)

2/20/2024 - Motion by Ligan, supported by Zeigler to approve the January meeting minutes as amended. Approved 7-0 (Crum, Flagg, Goldstein, Ligan, Milinsky, Wood, Zeigler).