

**MINUTES - SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

5:00 P.M.

Beechwoods Recreation Center

22000 Beech Rd

**APPROVED 5/21/2024**

Roll Call

Present: Crum; Flagg; Jones; Ligan; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler

Excused: Thomas; Goldstein

Also present: Bollin, Siver, McTaggart.

5:09pm: Roll call determined that there was a quorum present to conduct business.

**Public comment (limited to three minutes/person):**

McTaggart: The Commission thanked McTaggart for his service on the Commission

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for February.

**Motion by Ligan, supported by Zeigler to approve the February meeting. Approved 8-0 (Crum; Flagg; Jones; Ligan; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler).**

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

- Financial Report: Flagg asked for a motion to approve the financial report through 3/31/24.

**Motion by Ligan, supported by Zeigler to approve the February meeting. Approved 8-0 (Crum; Flagg; Jones; Ligan; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler).**

Correction to the Agenda: 8 Mile Crossing Funding Discussion corrected to 9 Mile Crossing Funding Discussion.

Mayor Siver gave a summary of the progress that has been made on raising money for the Sebastain art sculpture that is planned at the M-10 Service Drive & 9 Mile. He stated that the logistics of shipping the pieces up here was more than initially anticipated and he was working with the artist to try and minimize the number of shipments needed from 9 to 6.

**Presentations/Project Status Updates/Approvals:**

**Hubert Massey Murals, LLC – Removal of Obelisk and place in storage - \$2,800 Approval**

Bollin presented an update that the Obelisk will be removed and put into storage as the base needs to be replaced.

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the \$2,800 to remove the Obelisk and place it into storage.

**Motion by Ligan, supported by Wood to approve the removal of the Obelisk and place in storage in the amount of \$2,800. Approved 8-0 (Crum; Flagg; Jones; Ligan; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler).**

**Etrog Restoration - Venus Bronze Works - \$7,400: Approval**

Bollin stated that the restoration will probably take place in May or June, and that the restoration will take about a week to complete and will occur with the piece in place. He noted that the restoration service was used before for Moby Dick and that it is holding up well.

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the Etrog Restoration.

**Motion by Crum, supported by Ligan to approve the restoration in the amount of \$7,400. Approved 8-0 (Crum; Flagg; Jones; Ligan; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler).**

**LTU Mural - Cameron Jenkins Design *Slime Design*- \$3,325**

Bollin presented the proposal for the Slime Design mural to be painted on the LTU barrier wall. The Commission discussed requesting that the artist develop the sketch a little bit more in terms of depth and color before final approval. Pizana explained the proposal is likely a sketch rather than a fully developed proposal.

Flagg asked for a motion to table the Slime Design mural upon further development by the artist.

**Motion by Pizana, supported by Milinsky, to table Slime Design approval. Approved 8-0 (Crum; Flagg; Jones; Ligan; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler).**

**LTU Mural – Caleb Foerg - *Progression & The BluePrint*: Design Approval**

Bollin presented the two proposed designs and explained that the City Center is covering the costs.

Flagg asked for a motion to approve the designs for both *Progression* and *The BluePrint*.

**Motion by Pizana, supported by Wood, to approve the designs. Approved 8-0 (Crum; Flagg; Jones; Ligan; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler).**

**DPW Art Requirement: Brothers. Credit for art requirement as public benefit.**

Bollin presented the update on the Brothers installation at the Fire Station and explained that it will not be installed on the side of the building due to the possibility of fire trucks hitting it.

**Motion by Ligan, supported by Crum, to approve the credit for art requirement as public benefit. Approved 8-0 (Crum; Flagg; Jones; Ligan; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler).**

**Jasmine Square Art Requirement: Approval**

Bollin presented that the proposed artwork would be installed on the side of the building. The Commission reviewed the proposed work and discussed postponing approval while the piece is being developed. **Motion by Milinski, supported by Ligan, to postpone approval. Approved 8-0 (Crum; Flagg; Jones; Ligan; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler).**

### **Beechwoods Rec Center Mural: Discussion & Approval**

Bollin and Pizana presented the proposed artwork and explained that it was originally proposed for the ice arena, but people felt like it would be a better fit for Beechwoods Rec Center. The Commission suggested that the artist present the proposed work for discussion and feedback.

**Motion by Milinski, supported by Wood, to postpone approval. Approved 8-0 (Crum; Flagg; Jones; Ligan; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler).**

### **Gratitude Update Installation: 3/14/24**

Bollin provided an update that the artist was able to reinstall Gratitude even better than it had originally been installed, and that the city is still working with landscaping and the electrical company for some final details related to the installation. Approvals should be complete in a few months.

### **Sebastian Sculpture Update**

Mayor Siver provided an update, explaining that the full cost of this piece is now covered. They received more pledges for donations and the collaboration with the Hispanic Chamber of Michigan helped with logistics to figure out how to transport the pieces to Southfield from Mexico City. The artist also reworked the piece a little bit to ensure that it would now only take six trucks to transport, as opposed to more, significantly reducing the expense to transport the work. The project manager and location have also been selected.

### **The Key & Brothers Installation: Update**

Mayor Siver explained that they are working on quotes for the concrete foundation of the sculptures and that both pieces will be installed on the same day to save money. The pieces will likely be installed sometime in June.

### **Fundraising (Strategies):**

- **Fashion Show Discussion/Update**

Mayor Siver explained that all of the planning is in place for the fashion show at the Skyline Club, and that there will be several vendors and artists selling jewelry and clothing. The Southfield A&T Dance Team will be modeling the fashion pieces. Promotion and ticket sales are now a priority.

- **Kimmie Horne**

Mayor Siver provided an update about the forthcoming Kimmie Horne festival. There will be 20 vendors and 7-8 food trucks, and Kimmie has the lineup ready.

### **Request for Volunteers for May City Hall Art Exhibit: Discussion**

Flagg provided an update about the May 16 exhibition of Jewish Artists and requested volunteer help from the Commission. She explained that teamwork helps make these events go smoothly, that there will be 15 artists exhibiting, and that she expects many visitors for the reception.

**Adjournment:**

Flagg asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion by Pizana, supported by Ligan, to adjourn meeting. Approved 8-0 (Crum; Flagg; Jones; Ligan; Milinsky; Pizana; Wood; Zeigler).**

Meeting Adjourned 6:34pm.

   
Delores Flagg, Chair Date

5/21/24 - Motion by Pizana,  
supported by Ligan to approve the  
meeting minutes for April 16, 2024.  
Approved (6-0)