

City of Elmhurst
Public Arts Commission

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 21, 2019
2 p.m. – Elmhurst City Hall

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman, Betsy Goltermann called the third meeting of the City of Elmhurst, Public Arts Commission (EPAC) to order at 2:05 p.m. Roll call taken:

Present:

Commissioners: Betsy Goltermann, Chairwoman; Annette Armstrong, Roz Long, John McKinnon, Chris Miller, Suellen Rocca, Kristin Sabatino, and Val Stewart

Absent: Gene Evans

Guests: Erin Jason, Business Development Coordinator, City of Elmhurst;

Ms. Goltermann welcomed everyone and expressed her appreciation for all present.

2. Approval of 2/21/19 Minutes

Meeting minutes for the February 21, 2019 meeting of EPAC were submitted for approval. No changes or additions. Annette Armstrong moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Val Stewart. Voice vote. Unanimous. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Commission Updates and Reports

a. Chairman's Comments

Goals for today's meeting:

- Comments on the pending Request for Proposals
- Feedback on the initial communications plan
- Define our goals for Art in Wilder Park

She thanked everyone on the committee for their hard work.

b. Commissioner updates

- i. Annette and Kristin visited Naperville to see the operations of their Century Walk. It was established in 1995 as a separate 501c3, and is not connected to the city. They do receive funding from the city through a grant that receives money from a percentage of food and beverage taxes. Other members of the commission asked questions and the group discussed the success of their murals, bronze sculpture figures, Century Walk, and other commissions.
Annette and Kristin will take a trip to St. Charles on March 28th.
Evanston will be visited on April 8th.
Erin suggested visiting Rockford.
- ii. The newly created Pocket Park and future site of a public art piece was discussed. OPUS will be contributing funds to the city totaling \$15,000 through their company and foundation.
- iii. A Request for Proposals was distributed to commissioners in advance of the meeting. The commission reviewed the document for discussion, such as the timeline of starting installation as early as September 15th. It was discussed that sections will require city approval and clarification (such as legal and insurance review), and the city could provide more information about potential logistics of review, approval, and ultimately installation. The proposal has a maximum of \$30,000 for a three-dimensional piece for the new pocket park. The group will get clarity on any installation or insurance costs provided by the city. Chris motioned to move forward with the proposal not to exceed \$30,000, Kristin seconded, and the group unanimously approved it.
- iv. Commissioners discussed the ongoing project of documenting public art in Elmhurst. Public and private locations were discussed. A total inventory list, including organizations, will be assembled with assignments to each commissioner. After collection, highlights will be together online and a printed brochure. An example template was provided by the Elmhurst Art Museum. Kristin will setup a document for users to add and submit information for the ongoing inventory list.
- v. Chris passed out postcard sized handouts about the commission for the upcoming event at Art in Wilder Park, May 4-5. Color and design were discussed.
- vi. At Art in Wilder Park, the commission will hold a public program around the "Art from Your Heart" ceramic pillars. Stories will be shared about this community-made sculpture, and will include presentations by John Nester and other area artists that helped guide its creation. Explore Elmhurst will have a booth nearby the sculpture to direct traffic. After this presentation, the group may also want to consider Rock the Block as well as other city events.

5. City Update

None

6. New Business

Val presented an image of a sculpture by Dennis Jones that was left at York High School. It was suggested they might find an organization to donate the work to, or display at the school.

7. Future Meetings

Upcoming meetings will include: Thursday, April 18 at 2pm
 Thursday, May 23 at 2pm
 Thursday, June 27 at 2pm

8. Adjourn

Annette moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded. Voice vote. Unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.