

# **City of Elmhurst Public Arts Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes**

October 17, 2019

2:00 p.m.

City Hall - Conference Room 200, Second Floor

### **Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call**

Chairman Betsy Goltermann called the meeting of the City of Elmhurst Public Arts Commission (EPAC) to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call taken:

Present:

Commissioners: Betsy Goltermann, Chairman; Annette Armstrong, Vice-Chairman; Gene Evans, Roz Long, John McKinnon, Suellen Rocca, and Val Stewart.

Absent: Chris Miller, Kristen Sabatino.

Guests:

Marti Deuter, First Ward Alderwoman, Officer Steve Reynolds, Elmhurst Fire Department, Cheryl Gnadt, interested citizen, Dan Armstrong, recorder.

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

### **2. Approval of Minutes of August 8, 2019 Meeting**

Minutes of the September 9, 2019 Meeting of EPAC were submitted for approval. No changes or additions. Ms. Armstrong moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Second by Ms. Stewart. Motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Public Comment**

Chairman Goltermann called for public comment. Alderman Deuter noted that she would like to be able to ask questions and make comments as the meeting proceeded.

### **4. New Business**

- a. Mission and scope - Ms. Goltermann reviewed information which she has received from conversations with City Officials regarding the Mission and scope of the Elmhurst Arts Commission. Ms. Goltermann and John McKinnon have been working together to work with City officials to achieve greater clarity in this area.

- b. Officer Steve Reynolds presented information on the 9/11 Memorial on which he was working. He stated that the centerpiece of the memorial was to be a work of art incorporating a piece of a structural girder from the 9/11 site in New York. He requested the Commission's assistance with this project since the Commission possessed the requisite expertise. The Commission members agreed that this was an outstanding project for the community, and they would assist as they were able. It was made clear that the Commission could not help with fundraising but could help with finding and contracting with an artist for the project. Annette Armstrong moved that the Elmhurst Public Arts Commission provide assistance to the Elmhurst Fire Department with the 9/11 Memorial by managing the RFP and providing recommendations on the project. Gene Evans seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Final Commission Selection - Larch Pocket Park - John McKinnon led the Commissioners through a discussion of the proposals from various artists. These were complicated by varying needs of the artists for assistance with installation and bases for the installations. Since the City has been clear that they will provide no assistance with installation or site work the discussion was inconclusive. Alderman Marti Deuter stated that she felt that there may be some flexibility – noting that Public Works had helped with the work on restoring the “cupola” for the Old Elmhurst Memorial Hospital. However, because these issues were unanswered, the commission will proceed under the existing known constraints. At present, no artists have been eliminated from consideration.
- d. 2020 budget request by the commission, fundraising planning. Ms. Goltermann is working with City Manager, Jim Grabowski to make certain that the Commission is appropriately included in the 2020 City Budget Documents. Since this is the first budget year for the Commission, the process involves quite a bit of estimation. It's clear that the Commission will need to find methods for securing funding and more deliberation is needed about this.

## **5. Old Business**

- a. Follow up on College Event - There was general agreement that the event held at Elmhurst College was successful in introducing the Elmhurst Public Arts Commission to the community and in highlighting the wonderful new setting for the College's renowned art collection. Congratulations and thanks to all who planned and executed the event.

## **5. Future Meetings**

November 14, 2 p.m.

December 19, 2 p.m.

## **6. Adjournment**

Mr. Evans moved for adjournment at 4:07 pm. Ms. Armstrong seconded. Motion carried unanimously.