

**City of Elmhurst
Public Arts Commission**

Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2019

2:00 p.m.

City Hall - Conference Room 200, Second Floor

Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call

Chairman Betsy Goltermann called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm. Commissioners Present - Betsy Goltermann, John McKinnon, Val Stewart, Gene Evans, Suellen Rocca, Kristin Sabatino, Annette Armstrong. Chris Miller arrived at 2:23 p.m.

Absent: Roz Long

Chairman Goltermann welcomed Kassondra Schref, City Communications Manager.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of November 14, 2019 Minutes

Minutes of the EPAC were submitted for approval. Commissioner Sabatino moved to approve the Minutes. Second by Commissioner Evans. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business -

Commissioner Armstrong noted that terms for three Commissioners will expire 4/30/20. Commissioner Evans asked if the Mayor will reappoint. Chairman Goltermann will check.

Old Business -

Larch Park installation - City Attorney created a contract for Nicole Beck, the artist selected by the Commission. The artist is reviewing it and needs clarification on terms including installation support, warranties and insurance requirements. Ms. Schref commented on the negotiation, and that the City Manager & Mayor would have to approve the use of Public Works resources.

The PA & S Committee would be the next step in the approval process once the contract issues are resolved. They would issue a report/recommendation. City Council would then review and vote on the Report. Possible dates for PA & S meeting are: 1/13 and 1/27. Commissioners are strongly encouraged to attend PA & S meetings to advocate for the selected sculpture.

Ms. Schref further advised that the current Zoning Ordinances calls into question the allowance of public murals installed within the city of Elmhurst. The entire Zoning Ordinance will be reviewed in 2020. The Commission can seek clarification, and if necessary, a change to the existing Code. She recommended that the Commission put together a proposal to be considered during this review process. Chairman Goltermann asked if a variance/exception specifically to the sign ordinance could be considered, in which case two aldermen would need to propose and support that code change. It would be helpful to have the City review public art ordinances from other cities. Ms. Armstrong will do some research.

Ms. Goltermann reported that she and Commissioner Annette Armstrong met with Tom Trosien, City Finance Director, and Kassandra Schref on November 25, 2019. Mr. Trosien is researching the concept of municipalities accepting tax deductible donations to see if it is allowed. The PA Commission can put together a plan for fundraising. The plan must be reviewed and approved by City Council.

Ms. Schref left the meeting at 2:50 pm.

Other -

Ms. Armstrong mentioned that OMA training will be held on 1/27 at 6:00 pm. The Deputy Clerk encouraged all Commissioners to attend.

Adjournment - Commissioner Evans moved for adjournment at 3:11 pm. Second by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried unanimously.