

## MINUTES

City of Aurora  
 Cultural Affairs Commission (CAC)  
 Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 6:30 p.m.  
 Virtual Meeting hosted through WebEx

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Commissioners Present	Sethe Tucker, Maureen Maycheco, Dionne Williams, Mary Mollicone, Ree Varcoe
Commissioners Absent	Auset Maryam Ali, Douglas Meares, donnie l. betts
Staff	Midori Clark, Alia Gonzales, Roberta Bloom
Guests	Tone Ellis de Jesus

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:36 p.m.

**Action Item: Consideration of Agenda for July 8, 2020**

A motion was made by Maureen Maycheco and seconded by Ree Varcoe to approve the Agenda for July 8, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Item: Consideration of Minutes for June 10, 2020**

A motion was made by Mary Mollicone and seconded by Maureen Maycheco to approve the minutes as submitted.

**Action Item: Consideration of Minutes for June 16, 2020**

A motion was made by Mary Mollicone and seconded by Maureen Maycheco to approve the minutes as submitted.

**Action Item: Consideration of Minutes for June 23, 2020**

A motion was made by Mary Mollicone and seconded by Ree Varcoe to approve the minutes as submitted.

**Action Item: Art in Public Places: South East Recreation Center Proposal**

Roberta Bloom, Public Art Coordinator, provided background information about the architectural plans for the South East Recreation Center, details about the steps involved in the development of the artists proposal over the past 11 months resulting in the conceptual proposal, budget, and timeline, the meetings of the art selection panel and other relevant details.

Total budget for fabrication, transportation, and installation: 43k in materials, 193k in fabrication, 58k in installation, 110.5k in Miscellaneous costs including Engineering, Lighting, Overhead, Prototyping and Contingency. Total coming to 405k. A portion of the funding (\$320,000-350,000) is generated by Aurora's Art in Public Places Ordinance requiring a 1% for

art set aside for specific capital projects. The balance was allocated by the Art in Public Places Commission in 2019 due to the low number of public art projects in Ward VI and to create a meaningful and high-quality art experience at the South East Rec Center.

Art Selection Panel included key stakeholders: Francoise Bergan, AIPP Chair Rob Niedringhaus & Vice Chair Rick Forsman, Community Member Jan Bronson, Local Artist Satya Wimbash, Populus/Architect Gudmundur Jonsso, COA Project Construction Manager John Perkins, PROS Manager of Planning and Design, Tracy Young.

Timeline: Timelines are being connected to various benchmarks related to construction rather than specific calendar-based dates which commonly change in projects of this size and scope.

Mary Mollicone made a motion to approve the proposal from Art in Public Places regarding the artwork to be installed at the Southeast Recreation Center. This motion was seconded by Ree Varcoe. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Item: Interview Approvals**

Mary Mollicone shared with the Commission the results of the interviews conducted on June 16 for both Tone Ellis de Jesus and Tishany Jenkins. Sethe Tucker shared that she reached out to the references provided by both applicants. A motion was made by Ree Varcoe and seconded by Maureen Maycheco to recommend both applicants for appointment to the Cultural Affairs Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion Item: Cultural Diversity in Boards and Commissions**

Midori shared that efforts will be made to bring further cultural diversity to all Boards and Commissions across the Library and Cultural Services Department. This includes actively seeking out people of color as well as individuals across all age demographics.


**Discussion Item: 2021 Northwest Aurora Arts Grant Retreat Options**

Discussion took place regarding the need for the Commission to begin the planning process for the 2021 grant cycle. Staff will work with the Commission to determine a date in August for a virtual retreat to plan to the next grant cycle.

**Reports from Liaisons**

- A. Art in Public Places (Mary Mollicone) – No additional report.
- B. Aurora Fox Arts Center (Douglas Meares) – None at this time.
- C. Art and Business Connection – the July meeting has been postponed. The next Art and Business Connection meeting will be held on August 4.
- D. Staff – Midori shared that the Aurora Fox Arts Center has had their reopening plans approved by City Management. The Fox will reopen on July 20 by hosting youth camps with 10 students or less in each camp. The 36<sup>th</sup> season has been planned and will be comprised of shows featuring smaller casts.

- II. Comments from Commissioners – Dionne Williams stated she will be stepping down from the Cultural Affairs Commission effective immediately.
- III. Public Comment – None at this time.
- IV. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:15 p.m.

  
Dionne Williams (Mar 2, 2021 14:52 MST)

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Dionne Williams, Chair



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Midori Clark, Staff

*The purpose of the Cultural Affairs Commission is to provide ongoing systematic planning for the development of Cultural Arts activities within the city of Aurora; to assist the many community cultural groups by providing needed overall resources; to stimulate community involvement; and to enhance current cultural activities.*