

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMISSION

August Minutes

Video Conference Meeting

Wednesday, August 3rd, 2022 6:00 pm | 2 Hours | (UTC-06:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)

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I. Call to order

6:15 Due to technical issues

Present – Mary Mollicone (Chair), Brittany Pirtle (Vice-Chair), Amy Cheslin, Vanessa Frazier, Margaret Norwood, Ana Valles, Shana Thompson.

Absent- Nick Engen.

II. Welcome New Commissioners!

Art in Public Places is pleased to welcome two newly approved commissioners! Shana Thompson and Nick Engen. Shana has a background in visual arts and is a practicing artist and event planner. Nick brings an entrepreneurial perspective and has an interest in murals. Both are already actively engaged with the Commission.

III. Assign notetaker for monthly Council memo

Mary Mollicone

Future Notetakers:

September - Brittany

October - Margaret

November - Vanessa

December - Ana

IV. Approval of minutes

The minutes were approved

V. Adopt meeting agenda

The agenda was adopted

VI. Public comments

None

VII. Action items

None

VIII. Staff report

1. Charles Burrell Visual and Performing Arts Public Art Tour

- On Tuesday morning, July 26, AIPP Staff kicked off the first summer retreat for the teachers at the new Charles Burrell School of Visual and Performing Art with a walking tour of 10 public artworks in the arts district. Staff had prepared a resource guide for teachers with additional input from Fox Theatre Staff, History Museum Staff, and library staff. Teachers should be able to use this resource guide to develop and document their ideas and activities. This event was met with great enthusiasm, and the school and public art program look forward to an ongoing partnership.

2. Aurora Sister Cities Scavenger Hunt

- Public Art Assistant Chelsea Minter-Brindley pulled together an AIPP Scavenger hunt as an interactive experience for students participating in the Aurora Sister Cities International events on July 12 and August 2. With Chelsea on vacation for the second date, Tony Nguyen was contracted to provide the program that day. This activity is something that can be used in other contexts, as well.

3. Liberty View Apartments

- We are looking to complete the building of the Art Selection Panel (ASP) for this project soon and hopefully schedule the first meeting of the ASP before the end of the month. The total now available for this commission will be \$44,000.
- In conjunction with the Aurora Housing Authority, AIPP is forming an art selection panel to commission a relevant sculpture installed at the new Liberty View Apartments. Construction of the apartments is currently underway at the corner of Peoria and Montview in northeast Aurora. The goal is to have the sculpture installed by July 4, 2023.

4. New Commissioner Orientation

- New Commissioner Orientation scheduled for Monday 8:15 at 6 pm.

5. Project Updates

- 7/20 10th Anniversary - Staff and Commissioners have been involved in several significant outreach efforts this month. The 10th Anniversary of the

Aurora Theatre Shooting was acknowledged on Saturday, July 23, with a full day of events. The AIPP Commission provided a \$1,000 sponsorship for this event to help underwrite the costs of working with the musicians and dancers for the final evening performance. In addition to providing a meaningful interpretation of the theme "Metamorphosis" and its relevance to all involved, this creative event opens the doors to interactive arts events taking place around the sculpture. Special thanks to Commissioner Amy Cheslin for coordinating the Chalk Art component, to Brittany Pirtle for spending the day on the ground "chalking," and to all the commissioners who volunteered time and effort for this important event.

- Pacific Coast Conservation cleaned "Ascentiate" before the annual 7/20 Memorial Events. Now they are working on cleaning and waxing the bronzes. Then they will clean "Light of Dawn." The restoration of "Ghost Trolley" continues. They have been testing various combinations in layers to achieve the transparency and color intended by Lawrence Argent. They have decided on a variety that will make it easier to conduct repairs in the future.
- David Mazza has approved repainting his sculpture with a new system and relocating the artwork to Peoria Crossing Phase 2.
- Graffiti has been removed from Dawn Ring, and the sculpture was re-finished with boiled linseed oil. Art Management and Planning, who completed significant repairs to the artwork a few years ago, completed the work.

IX. Items from Chair

1. Review Global Fest (Aug 20th) Schedule Needs
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2. Assign Notetaker (Aug Sept Nov Dec)
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3. Review Commissioner Applicant
Commissioner Candidate Interview scheduled for Thursday 8/18 at 6 pm.

X. Items from Commission

- a. Report from liaisons
 1. Cultural Affairs Commission
Moving forward with new commissioners and working to update grant applications.
 2. Havana BID
 3. ACAD
 4. Art + Business Connection
 5. BACA

- XI. **Next meeting and agenda items**
September 7th
- XII. **Good news**
- XIII. **Collect volunteer hours and contacts**
- XIV. **Adjournment**



Chair, Mary Mollicone



Public Art Coordinator, Roberta Bloom

The mission of the Art in Public Places Program is to capture the pulse of the community by contributing to neighborhood development and economic vitality, and by engaging the many voices of Aurora through art and culture.