

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMISSION

Minutes for March 3, 2021

Video Conference Meeting

Wednesday, Mar 3, 2021 6:00 pm | 2 hours | (UTC-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)

- I. Call to order**
 - a. Meeting began at 6:02 pm
Attendance:
Present – Chair Mary Mollicone, Vice-Chair Brittany Pirtle, Commissioners: Amy Cheslin, Vanessa Frazier, Jesse Jimenez, Celina Kaur, Rick Forsman, Margaret Norwood, Ana Valles
Guests – Andrea Amonik
AIPP Staff – Roberta Bloom, Tony Nguyen
 - b. Volunteer to take notes and prepare a report for City Council
Brittany Pirtle volunteers and suggests making a sign-up sheet going forward
- II. Approval of minutes for February 3, 2021 meeting**

Minutes approved
- III. Adopt meeting agenda**

Adopted
- IV. Volunteer Hours Forms**

Please forward recorded hours and contacts to Tony for documentation
- V. Public comments**

No Public Comments
- VI. Action items**
 - a. Review artist for Nine Mile Pedestrian Bridge
Mary gave a brief overview of the art selection panel meeting and its proceedings. The Art Selection Panel has recommended Vicki Scuri for the public art opportunity at the Nine Mile Pedestrian Bridge. Commissioners held a vote and Vicki Scuri was approved with no objections.
- VII. Staff report**
 - a. Questions regarding the Staff Report
 - b. AIPP GIS Story Mapping
The current map is built on outdated software not enabling AIPP to edit or update. Ryan Witsell from IT has updated all of AIPP's maps. Tony is creating a new map that will allow us to edit and update as we please, the new map format is called Shortlist. The maps have links to get directions and link visitors to AIPP's homepage.
 - c. ACAD Benches
The benches are not in great shape, contribute to loitering, litter and need to be refinished. There are six benches all together. We may be asked to remove them and

at that time we need to decide if we relocate and restore or deaccession. During the meeting the commission was in favor of relocating.

d. Other

- City requires the Roundabout Project have xeriscape. For the first two years irrigation will be hooked up to get plants established and after they will disconnect the water hook up. This solution is significantly less expensive than the hand watering that would otherwise be required due to the fact that the water lines are easily accessible for this site
- There was a conversation with Abraham Morales about Light of Dawn and city events that could be incorporated in the programming. He later emailed with an idea about possibly having a request process similar to what is used for proclamations, where people or organizations could request special lighting for an event, in addition to premade programs.
- Tony gave an introduction into the Public Art Archive (PAA). There are 13 projects from the collection that have been uploaded from 2016-2020. Tony is working backwards chronologically. PAA is a public tool available to anyone worldwide. Brittany Pirtle brings up the idea to incorporate QR codes to connect our existing artworks to the collection as a whole. AIPP has done this before along the R Line. QR codes will require allocating staff time and investing in new plaques. There was momentum and interest with this idea.

VIII. Guest Speakers – 15 minutes each (7 pm start)

- a. Andrea Amonick - AURA project by 13th Ave. Light Rail station
Andrea is the Development Services Manager in the Planning and Development Services Department. There is a new urban renewal area in Ward I; that runs between 8th and 13th along the east of I-225 and spans Toll Gate Creek, and also includes the northwest corner of Colfax and I-225 by the Colfax Bridge Station. Activation of the two sites south of the RTD parking garage requires the building of a bridge crossing over Toll Gate Creek. The bridge will provide 2-point access for emergency vehicles. The third site is home to U-Haul, a piece of land owned by RTD and a storage facility. As with The Point, this area will likely be a Transit Oriented Development that will generate a public art requirement for the developer. Andrea identified potential public art opportunities for the city as the bridge and the anticipated plaza by the Colfax Bridge Station. Project design phase 2022-2023. City of Aurora may buy the parcel just north of Colfax for a plaza.

IX. Items from Chair

- a. Prioritize Projects
Before the next meeting Matt Kipp will need to address the money being transferred in and what are the projects that are generating that money. An update on the 2021 budget will confirm the amount AIPP has for spending. Plains Conservation, Pond AMC, AURA projects, Helen Murray and Tracy Young's project proposals and more will be discussed in April. AIPP Staff met with Lumonics which led to a possibility for

light installations and light sculptures that could be installed in the north glass façade of MLK Jr. Library. This aligns with the NW Forum discussion regarding how to activate the Colfax corridor and connects back to Helen Murray's idea. Sara Young suggested that on the northern end of Civic Center Park Pond, there is the Highline Canal and possibility to overlap.

X. Items from Commissioners

a) Reports from Ward meetings

Havana BID meeting reports there is vandalism along Havana Street. Colfax Canvas date is Labor Day weekend. Will we be able to donate \$1000, which is the lowest partnership tier? Amy suggests public art tours Roberta adds they could go in tandem with the Colfax Canvas tours to show City's collection at the same time.

b) AIPP co-host (social media & sends volunteers) and has booth (at my artist square) at Chalk Lines & Vines event May 15/16.

Hosted by Arapahoe County. An adult event with 4 sessions. Each artist will have an additional 10x10 space along with the chalk art square. Amy and Brittany are going to do a square as a team and promote AIPP. AIPP will appear to be cohosting with the social media push and promotion, there is no objection from the commission. It is a community event to support local artists, community and the Arapahoe County Fair Ground and Park. More details and planning when we get closer to the date.

XI. Next meeting and agenda items

Ideas about budget

XII. Good News

- Margaret Norwood has a newly born grandbaby
- Mural is being painted on Jesus On Colfax building by DAVA kids
- Weekly posts about commissioners have been well received on Social Media
- Margaret volunteered with We Are A-Town clean up group picking up trash on Colfax. They plan on doing this once a month, great place to meet people and talk about AIPP.

XIII. AIPP Commissioner Activity Sheet

Add Brittany and Amy for Chalk Lines & Vines organized by Arapahoe County

XIV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 7:56 pm



Chair, Mary Mollicone



Public Art Coordinator, Roberta Bloom

The mission of the Art in Public Places Program is to create great places that contribute to neighborhood development, economic vitality, and enrich and engage the community of Aurora.