

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMISSION

Minutes for November 3, 2021

Video Conference Meeting

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 6:00 pm | 2 Hours | (UTC-06:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)

I. Call to order

Meeting started at 6:10am

Present – Chair Mary Mollicone and Vice Chair Brittany Pirtle; Commissioners Amy Cheslin, Vanessa Frazier, Jesse Jimenez, Daiga Keller, Margaret Norwood, Carmen Numme, and Ana Valles.

II. Volunteer to take notes and send to Council

Mary volunteered for November notes and Brittany will be taking notes for December.

III. Approval of minutes

Jesse pointed out a spelling error. Minutes were approved with mentioned edits.

IV. Adopt meeting agenda

Adopted as presented

V. Public comments

None

VI. Introductions and welcoming the new Commissioners

Carmen gave a nice introduction and correct pronunciation of her last name. Daiga and Carmen expressed enthusiasm to be part of the group.

VII. Action items

None

VIII. Staff report

a. Questions/Comments

None

b. 3 Pedestals

The art selection panel has been assembled. There are three different artists on the panel which will help strengthen the conversation and the mission of this project. The first meeting will be scheduled before thanksgiving.

c. Art 2C ON HAVANA

We will need to start working on the 2022 call for entry sometime in February. The art selection panel usually has two meetings; one to sign off on the call for entries, and the second to review and select the artist candidates. Brittany volunteered to be the primary and Margaret will be back up commission on the panel. Amy mentioned that the Havana BID annual stake holder meeting will be held on November 17, 11-12:30pm at the Stampede. Amy will forward link to commissioners to RSVP.

d. Gallery Committee Update

Tony ran through a presentation of the 12 applicants, 11 of which were selected. These artists were invited by committee to have work displayed at the libraries. AMC was still not opened to the public at the time of the meeting, so these artists will be showing in either Tallyn's Reach or MLK Jr. Library. Amy brought up Red Delicious Press. A committee member volunteered to curate Mo'Print Month in 2022 and they will need to apply when the call is posted. When they first reached out we intended for them to have the entire AMC gallery space and since it is still not open to the public this call is the soonest opportunity. We have every intention to let them know when the AMC is opened again to showcase their work.

e. Las Vegas/Clark County Presentation

As a result of managing the selection process for 7/20 Memorial, Roberta gets called upon by other communities that have experienced other tragedies to consult in their process of memorializing the victims. One of the communities that she has been in contact with is the city of Las Vegas. The public art coordinator invited Roberta to do a 3-hour workshop. In the past they've featured "how to" formats and Roberta suggested facilitating a conversation about public art and some qualities she has seen in artists that are successful and other varieties and topics. Her intent is for the conversation to be interactive. Tony has been working on the presentation. The event will be virtually hosted by Clark County and be made available nationally afterward.

f. Other

Date for rededication/new dedication of "Light of Dawn" is Wednesday November 17 at 5:15pm. There will be speakers, hot chocolate and music. Speakers include Jim Twombly, Rafe Ropek and the Mayor Mike Coffman and Midori Clark will be the MC. The light show should be the highlight with speeches being 3 min max. Mary brought up contacting other major TV stations outside of Aurora TV. That is something we have communicated to Abraham Morales and we will see who turns up.

IX. Items from Chair

a. Strategic Plan

We focused on 2021 and 2022 projects outlined in the document. Compared to the Master Plan this was made to be more inward facing document that shows a yearly perspective of active and future projects. This doc was built by a commissioner and is owned by the commission. AIPP staff only make changes that the commission approves, it has been made current with the decisions you have made with your budget recommendations. Mary entertained the motion to move City Center Park Tunnel to 2022 new projects, Brittan moved the motion, and Amy seconded the motion. It is anticipated that this document will be revisited during the annual retreat. Roberta said she would bring a budget overview to the next meeting. There is not expected to be a significant difference than what the commission has already seen when they made recommendations earlier in the year.

b. Annual Report meeting and comments from Council Members

On the 26th of October Mary presented the Annual Report to council members Juan Marcano, Crystal Murillo, and Alison Coombs. Council member Juan Marcano is invested in the idea of wrapping utility boxes with art and after being in communication with Roberta, she has found out that the city owns the traffic control boxes and not the utility boxes throughout the city. The previous traffic manager did a small-scale project with internal designing and only allowed vinyl wraps. Juan Marcano wants to see artists engage in painting directly onto the boxes, this will be funded independently from the AIPP budget. This initiative did bring to light the program's current capacity with the assistant position being limited to 29 hours a week. AIPP staff has tried to create a fulltime professional level position in the past with the support of Nancy Freed. The conversation never made it past the final step to get it in front of city council. Vanessa stated that the international attention the program is receiving, specifically the Las Vegas workshop, could argue the program is worthy of a full-time position. Another suggestion that came up from the meeting were Public Art tours in sync with Visit Aurora. Roberta would like to discuss this with Midori first to get some input and then see if it is something the commissioners would be interested in doing. Jane McGrath, a past commissioner used to lead bike tours, Amy added that there were two different tours.

c. Contacts for new Council Members

The unofficial results from the election were Ward I Crystal Murillo, Ward II Steve Sundberg, Ward III Ruben L. Medina, At-Large Dustin Zvonek and Danielle Jurinsky. Assignments to members and contacts will be reconfigured during the annual retreat.

d. January Retreat

Retreats are centered on successes from the last year and on projects and priorities for the coming year. Last year the meeting was split in half between the normal monthly meeting and followed by the next Saturday. The commission agreed to

continue with this format for the upcoming virtual retreat. Some agenda items: city council members, mission statement, new chair and vice chair elections, and SWOT Analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats). The retreat will take place on January 5 at 6pm and Saturday January 8th at 9 am.

X. Items from Commission

- a. Treat Street, Fletcher Plaza Fall Festival, and Boo’s Cruise
AIPP Facebook images were shared from the three events. Treat street had about 2000 people show up at Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. Fall Fest at Fletcher Plaza was a big hit for the first annual event. The Mayor showed up to the Boo’s Cruise, and it had a similar turnout to last year of roughly 1,500. Three events in one month!
- b. CCI Site visit Friday
The CCI tour is Friday the 5th at 1:45pm starting at Dava with an ending reception at the People’s Building. ACAD stake holders group reapplied for a Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) designation. This site visit could mean ACAD might be closer to getting designated this time. Amy will reach out to Bliss Coleman to see if the reception is open to everyone or not.
- c. Festival of Wreaths
The virtual auction is going on till December10th and the live auction will be held on November 10th. RSVPs are needed to attend the live auction.

XI. Next meeting and agenda items

December 1st, 2021. Agenda items: Annual Retreat

XII. Good news

The Twelve Dates of Christmas directed by Margaret is opening December 3rd.

XIII. Collect volunteer hours and contacts

XIV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Mary Mollicone

Roberta Bloom

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.