

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMISSION

March 4, 2020 6 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Conference Room

2nd Floor, Central Library

14949 E. Alameda Parkway

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:11pm

Reminders: Commissioner Laura Noe took notes for the March city council update report.

Attendance: Chair Rob Niedringhaus, Commissioners George Peck, Amy Cheslin, Laura Noe, Celina Kaur and Mary Mollicone

Staff: Roberta Bloom and Carina Bañuelos-Harrison

Guest: Satya Wimbish, Executive Director of ACAD

Not in Attendance: Vice Chair Rick Forsman and Commissioner Britany Pirtle

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2020 –**Action Item**

Commissioner Laura Noe moved to accept the minutes from the February meeting.

Commissioner George Peck seconded. All voted to approved.

B. Additions to the Agenda

Items from the Members- F. Update from Commissioner Mary Mollicone

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project List Update

Updates have been made.

B. Red-Tailed Hawk Park All-Inclusive Park/Public Art install Update

The public art has now been installed at the park. The sound bollards will soon be moved to their appropriate locations.

C. SE Rec Center Update

The budget is currently being finalized.

D. Tollgate Crossing Neighborhood Park

Roberta Bloom mentioned that the artist is moving forward with the project.

E. Update on the Three Pedestals in ACAD

Roberta Bloom is moving forward with the project. She was able to reach out to Kevin Vargas who is the Chair of the Immigrant and Refugee Commission for the city of Aurora's. He is going to help the Public Art program connect to various communities with in Aurora.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Denver Public Art Workshops 2020

Roberta Bloom went over the format of the workshops from 2019. Chair Rob Niedringhaus and Commissioner Mary Mollicone volunteered to attend and have a table at the April 13 workshop.

B. Results of interviews for new Commission members held on February 19th – **Action Item**

Chair Rob Niedringhaus spoke about the candidates interviewed. The group was delighted with all possible candidates that interviewed. The Art in Public Places Interview committee recommended Vanessa Frasier as an Art in Public Places Commissioner. Commissioner Laura Noe moved approve Vanessa Frasier. Commissioner Mary Mollicone seconded. All voted to approve.

C. Continued discussion of the certification as an art district of the ACAD.

- a. Results of the tour of the 40W Art Hub and Studios.
Commissioner Rob Niedringhaus mentioned the February 22nd tour attended by Chair Rob Niedringhaus, Vice Chair Rick Forsman and Commissioners Amy Cheslin. Along with other members of the community. The group was able to see what support and component need to come together in order to better support an arts district.
- b. What should the AIPP role be in an effort to obtain certification for ACAD?
The city of Aurora has made a great Public Art investment in the ACAD area. Art in Public Places will continue to support the Aurora Cultural Arts District (ACAD). Satya Wimbish mentioned she is currently visiting boards and commission meetings to connect with various departments within the City of Aurora, as well as the businesses in ACAD to get the support prior to sending in the application to Colorado Creative Industries. Satya Wimbish would like Art in Public Places to advocate a clear definition of the importance of establishing ACAD as a Certified Arts District to the community in order to help build a better application for the certifications through Colorado Creative Industries.
- c. Should the E. Colfax Avenue area be organized as a BID?
Satya Wimbish mentioned that ACAD is not prepared to be a Business Improvement District (BID) at this time. There are currently businesses that need support with signs, exterior building facelifts, etc. Satya mentioned that it would be great to see the ACAD area become a business improvement district and she would like the positive physical changes to be completed before thinking about having it become a BID.
- d. What is the likelihood the City will fund infrastructure improvements?
Currently Satya is looking into specific Grants to help with the funding for building improvements in ACAD.

V. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

- A. Overview of the SWOT Analysis from January 11th and identification of topics for future discussions.
None
- B. Assignment of Responsibilities for Social Media /Cultural Affairs
More will be discussed at the April Meeting. Chair Rob Niedringhaus mentioned that Commissioner Brittany Pirtle is interested in taking over the Art in Public Places social media.
- C. Advocacy Update and Discussion.
None
- D. R-Line Art Tour
None
- E. Future Commission educational field trips
None
- F. Committee to Review Meeting Notes for Council Contact
None

VI. ITEMS FROM THE LIAISON/STAFF

- A. Comments on the written report.
Items on the written report were reviewed by the group. Roberta Bloom answered questions. The group also discussed the meeting date for the Art 2C on Havana art selection panel. This will be happening on April 15. Chair Rob Niedringhaus, Commissioners Mary Mollicone and Celina Kaur will serve on the art selection panel. Commissioner George Peck will be the backup.

B. Dawn Fountain Update

Update given by Roberta Bloom. There is now extra funding to add lighting to the Dawn Fountain sculpture that is located on the west side of the Aurora Municipal Center. The Art in Public Places Commission monthly leadership report and brought the decision to cut the lighting element to the attention of city leadership. As a decision had recently been made to light the building façade, the artist's proposal was revisited and the Water and Parks, Recreation and Open Space departments identified additional funding.

C. Status of the Wave Gate maintenance project.

Roberta Bloom mentioned that the public art piece will soon be removed for restoration.

Commissioner Mary Mollicone mentioned she noticed it was coming down earlier this week.

D. Cultural Services Mission Statement

Will be reviewed at the April meeting.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE MEMBERS

A. Council Communications/Volunteer Hours/ Community Contact

Commissioners turned in their hours.

B. Council Contact Summary

Commissioners have been making contact.

C. Cultural Affairs Liaison Report

No reports

D. Announcements/ Good News

E. Update from Ward meetings attended by Commission Members

Commissioner Mary Mollicone mentioned she attended Council Member Juan Marcano's Ward IV February meeting at the Stampede.

F. Items from the Members- Update from Commissioner Mary Mollicone

Commissioner Mary Mollicone spoke about her term on the Cultural Affairs commission. She mentioned she is still with Cultural Affairs another term. She will complete her last term with them in 2023 and will also volunteered to be the Cultural Affairs Liaison for Art in Public Places. Commissioner Mary Mollicone will replace Commissioner Amy Cheslin as the Cultural Affairs Liaison. After discussion Commissioner Laura Noe moved to have Commissioner Mary Mollicone replace Commissioner Amy Cheslin as the Cultural Affairs Liaison for Art in Public Places. Commissioner George Peck seconded. All voted to approve.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

March 2020 Ward Meetings

- March 26 - Ward I, Crystal Murillo- Martin Luther King Jr. Library 9898 E. Colfax Avenue, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- March 19 - Ward II. Nicole Johnston- Beck Recreation Center, Ponderosa Room, 800 Telluride Street 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- No meeting listed for March - Ward III, Marsha Berzins
- March 19 - Ward IV, Juan Marcano – Stampede. 2430 S. Havana Street 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- March 17 - Ward V, Alison Coombs- Heather Gardens Clubhouse, Aspen Room 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- March 18 - Ward VI, Françoise Bergen- Heritage Eagle Bend Clubhouse, 23155 E. Heritage Parkway 6 to 8 p.m.

Art Selection Panel/Committee Volunteers

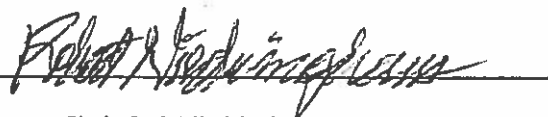
- **Iliff Station Round-about:** Commissioner George Peck and Commissioner Laura Noe will be back-up.

- **South East Recreation Center-** vice Chair Rick Forsman and Chair Rob Niedringhaus will be the backup.
- **Tollgate Crossing-** Chair Rob Niedringhaus and vice Chair Rick Forsman will be back up.
- **Interview Committee-** Chair Rob Niedringhaus, Commissioners Laura Noe and Celina Kaur.
- **Gallery Review Committee –** Vice Chair Rick Forsman, Chair Rob Niedringhaus, Commissioners Laura Noe and Amy Cheslin
- **The Point Pedestrian Bridge-** Commissioner Mary Mollicone and back up TBD.
- **Art 2C on Havana Art Selection Panel-** Chair Rob Niedringhaus, Commissioners Mary Mollicone and Celina Kaur will serve on the art selection panel. Commissioner George Peck will be the backup.

IX. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next AIPPC Meeting is April 1, 2020 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNED at 8:05pm



Chair, Rob Niedringhaus



Carina Baduelos-Harrison, Art in Public Places

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.