

**ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMISSION**

**Minutes for January**

**Video Conference Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 6:00 pm | 2 hours | (UTC-06:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)**

**I. Call to order.**

- a. 6:02pm
- b. Present: Ana Valles (Chair), Karen Jorgensen, Mary Mollicone, Margaret Norwood, Elaine Lee, Chelsea Minter-Brindley, Joanna McNeal (guest), Amy Cheslin, Vanessa Frazier (Vice-Chair)

**II. Assign notetaker for monthly Council memo**

- a. Mary volunteers for January meeting.
- b. Karen volunteers for Annual Retreat.
- c. Margaret volunteers for March meeting.

**III. Approval of minutes**

- a. Margaret moves to approve December minutes, Mary seconds, unanimous.

**IV. Adopt meeting agenda**

- a. No changes – adopted as is.

**V. Guest Speaker: Acting Director of Library and Cultural Services, Joanna McNeal**

- a. LCS Director Recruitment
  - i. Jo McNeal is the Manager of Public Services for Library, which means she oversees Public Services offered by the Library and all seven branches. While the city looks for a new Director, Jo is the acting Director. Jo gives an update on the Director search. There are five semi-finalists being interviewed, then two or three finalists will be chosen from the five. This will all be happening soon as Laura Perry wants to get a new person hired quickly. Jo is also one of the candidates.

**VI. Public comments**

**VII. Action item**

**VIII. Staff report**

- a. Policies and Procedures
  - i. The Orientation Book is updated which includes the revised Policies and Procedures. They talk about the intent of the program, the responsibilities of the commissioners, the election and responsibilities of officers, the conflict-of-interest statement, the development of the Five-Year Plan, art selection processes, deaccessioning, asset management (maintenance of the collection), donations, memorials, and gifts. The Policies and Procedures guide the work that we do.
- b. Art to 2C on Havana

- i. MOU
  - 1. Finally have a signed MOU with Havana Business Improvement District (HBID).
  - 2. Changes:
    - a. HBID wants to have a representative at the award jurying. There will not be a gala. There is no longer an issue of trying to compress the schedule, so the schedule will stay the same as it has been. There will not be a guaranteed televised spot on Colorado and Company.
- ii. Call for Entries
  - 1. Posting the call for entry later this month.
  - 2. Deadline of mid-March.
- iii. Art Selection Panel
  - 1. One meeting on one day and that meeting will be two to three hours.
  - 2. The meeting will be timed for late March or early April.
- iv. AIPP Representative
  - 1. Karen and Chelsea volunteer.
- v. Margaret asks about having an artist appreciation event tied into another one of HBIDs events.
  - 1. Nothing definitive was decided. It is still on the table and we can propose other things as well.
- c. Aurora Municipal Court Projects
  - i. For the mural we have four finalists. Showed submitted images from the artists.
  - ii. For the Jury Room we have three finalists. Showed submitted images from the artists.
- d. "Ticker Tape"
  - i. Showed images of the dedication.
- e. CBCA Award Ceremony
  - i. The Aurora Highlands and Jubilee Coffee will be receiving partnership awards from the Colorado Business Committee for the Arts. A group at the Children's Hospital that uses art in recovery with children will also be receiving this award. The award ceremony is on March 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1:30pm. A few of the commissioners would like to come.
- f. Other

## **IX. Items from Chair**

## **X. Items from Commission**

- a. Report from Liaisons
  - i. Cultural Affairs Commission
    - 1. Vanessa – grant application reviews January 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Havana BID

1. Karen – no updates.
- iii. ACAD
  1. Margaret – has not met.
- iv. Art + Business Connection
  1. Ana – did not meet in January, February will be economic activity report.
- v. BACA
  1. Amy – fizzled out.

**XI. Next Meeting and agenda items**

- a. Retreat: January 6
- b. February 7

**XII. Good news**

**XIII. Collect volunteer hours and contacts**

**XIV. Adjournment**

- a. 7:11pm

**X** *Ana Valles*

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Ana Valles  
Chair

**X** *Roberta Bloom*

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Roberta Bloom  
Cultural Services Manager and Public Art Su...

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