

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 7th, 2021

3:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE AKRON PUBLIC ART SERVICE COMMISSION OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 7th, 2021 AT 3:00P.M.

In accordance with Sub. HB 197, this meeting will be conducted remotely. There will be no physical access to the meeting. Interested observers may access the meeting via livestream, which will be available at: www.akronohio.gov/youtube.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

In Attendance: Nina Aust, Katie Beck, Tina Boyes Larissa Brown, Vonsheay Brown, Lauren Butterworth, Jon Fiume, Elisa Gargarella, Summer Hall, Dara Harper, Megan Harvey, Josh Lapp, Jill Bacon Madden, Marissa McClellan, Nicole Mullet, Danika Stevenson, Kat Wentz, and Renee Whittenberger.

1. Welcome: Kat Wentz – Chair
 - A. The meeting was called to order by Kat Wentz at 3:07pm once quorum was determined.
2. Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2021
 - A. Kat Wentz then asked for an approval of the February 3, 2021 meeting minutes provided prior to the meeting. Seeing no changes or additions, Jon Fiume made the motion and Jill Bacon Madden seconded. There was unanimous approval.
3. Old Business
 - A. Election of Officers
 - i. The meeting continued with the review of old business. During the last meeting, the officers of the Commission were elected. The slate and election were as follows:
 - Kat Wentz – President
 - Larissa Brown – Vice President
 - Dara Harper – Secretary
 - Jill Bacon Madden – Treasurer
 - B. Review, discuss, and adopt Commission rules/policies
 - i. Kat Wentz then moved to review the rules and policies of the Commission. At this time, there was no feedback and a motion to adopt the new rules was made. Jon Fiume made the motion and Dara Harper seconded. There was unanimous approval.
4. New Business
 - A. Presentation of Commission budget, Jill Bacon Madden – Treasurer
 - i. The meeting then moved forward with Jill Bacon Madden addressing the Commission that discussion on the budget was on the agenda but there had been no movement at this time. She continued that more information would

be provided for the next meeting.

B. Review of applications

- i. Kenmore Neighborhood Association, Tina Boyes – Executive Director
 - Following the discussion regarding the budget, Tina Boyes from the Kenmore Neighborhood Association and her team joined the meeting to present their application to the Commission. This application was the first submission to the Commission to discuss the addition of a work in Kenmore. Tina Boyes then introduced herself as the Executive Director of the Kenmore Neighborhood Association and detailed the revitalization of the Kenmore Blvd. This revitalization has begun implementation with a grant received in 2019 for a wayfinding plan. She continued that the area is moving in the right direction, but the spaces need love with art to reflect the activity. Renee Whittenberger then presented the wayfinding typology report.
 - This report included information on communication, branding and marketing for Kenmore as well as a color pallet and mascot of a cardinal for signage. The submission continued with the introduction of where the art installation would take place (the overpass on Manchester Road which enters into the business district). This area is a curved structure with proposed designs (space approved by ODOT pending design approval) provided by Marissa McClellan, Lindsey Jo Scott and the Art Bomb Brigade. Marissa McClellan described that Lindsey’s designs were chosen for their whimsical nature and the team felt it would best fit this unique space. Lindsey is also a known reliable artist with connections to the community as an Akron University alum. Lindsey’s designs were then presented. These designs included flowers which honored Paula Holman, who recently passed during the committee selection process. The Commission did inquire about the upkeep and maintenance of the piece if it were to be tagged with graffiti and were reassured that the columns would be prepped with a primer to protect from water, weather and other damage. It was mentioned ODOT had also been contacted to provide a safe workspace for the creation with traffic being redirected during this time. The submission concluded with Tina informing the Commission that the Art Bomb Brigade will have the contract and Lindsey Jo Scott will be subcontracted for the project with funding from the Akron Civic Commons. She also let the group know that she would send over information stating Kenmore Neighborhood Association will accept responsibility for the project and upkeep/maintenance if the piece is tagged/damaged as well as the plan from ODOT.
 - Kat Wentz asked for a motion to approve the Kenmore project, pending the documents requested received. Jill Bacon Madden made the motion and Katie Beck seconded. All were in favor. The Commission concluded the Application section of the meeting with the approval of the project, pending the documents from Tina. Tina and her team were then thanked and left the meeting.

C. Discuss adding an additional meeting

- i. The meeting then progressed to the discussion of adding an additional meeting due to the extended amount of time between April and July meetings. It was agreed upon by the Commission that May 12th, 2021 at 3pm would be ideal. Jon Fiume made the motion and Larissa Brown seconded. All were in favor and the additional meeting date was confirmed.

D. Review instructions for submitting public comments

- i. During this meeting it was addressed by the Commission that there had been no submissions of comments from the public. Those in attendance and viewing the meeting were then instructed on how to submit comments. It was detailed that submissions must be sent in to the Commission the Monday prior to the Wednesday meetings and the steps to submit were located on the Commission website (akronpublicart.com).

5. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no other new business, Kat Wentz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larissa Brown made the motion and Jill Bacon Madden seconded. There was unanimous approval and the meeting adjourned at 3:43pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 2021

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