Aurora Public Art Commission
Community Services
City of Aurora
David L. Pierce Center, Third Floor, 20 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL

MINUTES
Thursday
January 3, 2019
5:00 PM

• CALL TO ORDER
  o Fawn Call to order
    Julie Second
    5:05 pm
• ROLL CALL
  o Fawn Clarke Peterson
  o Ray Zigota
  o Juan Fernandez
  o Cathe Stieg
  o Julie Gervais
  o Landa Marie Midgely
• OTHERS PRESENT
  o Dan Barriero
• APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES
  o Julie motion to approve, Ray second, motion carried.
• AGENDA
• PAST BUSINESS
  o GENERAL
    ▪ 11/8/2018 APAC Meeting: No quorum
    ▪ 12/13/2018 APAC Meeting: No quorum
    ▪ DLP Public Attendance
      o As of December, over 10,000
      o In 2018, 30 events, 18 public art projects
    ▪ Financials
      o City of Aurora General Fund/Public Art
      o Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley
      o Details to come in next meeting
  o THIRD FLOOR GALLERY
    ▪ Finding Home
    ▪ Winter Garden
      • Exhibit was packed. First year, Jen grouped by school. Feedback to this year’s
display as grouped by theme, was extremely positive. Teachers seemed to like
it better. Show came together very well. Dan mentioned that he was not in
attendance because of Winter on the Fox and perhaps we need to look at
scheduling for next year to make sure that there isn’t a conflict with opening.
Input from teachers was that the drop off was good and process was good. For next year, make sure there is a form/process to make sure each art piece is marked. Also, potentially look at timing for next year. Possibly move from Friday to Saturday afternoon.

- **COMMUNITY/FLEX SPACE**
  - WCC Student and Alumni Exhibit
    - Exhibit received positive feedback and was well received

- **OTHER**
  - 11/13/2018 WCC withdraws from further collaboration with APAC until (censorship policies) are changed; as a result, the International Ceramics Exhibit, scheduled for 10/2019, was cancelled.
    - From Dan: WCC expressed concern but has not pulled show. This is good news for the October 2019 show as there are fantastic artists to exhibit.
      - There was some confusion over this point and what was said at which meeting. Communication from Jen to Board was that WCC had withdrawn from this show and future events pending faculty concerns over policies on censorship. Follow up needed. *(1/10/2019 UPDATE: Cindy Sparr confirmed via email that WCC will not be able to do the Ceramics Exhibit, based on the City’s current censorship policy. JE)*

- **UPCOMING BUSINESS**
  - **GENERAL**
    - Review Public Art Policies/Procedures Draft and Process
      - Discussion of Selection Panel.
      - Dan will bring policy back for discussion once it is reviewed by Legal.
    - 2018 Catalogs
    - 2019 Calendar
      - Third Floor Gallery
        - February-March: Temporarily closed until policies and procedures are completed
        - April-May: Jamiah Calvin, Stephen Signa-Aviles
        - June-July: (Tentative) Visiting Exhibit from Haitian American Museum, Photography of Mothers from Diverse Backgrounds; yet to be confirmed
        - August-September: Dr. Smith Retrospective
          - Invite Dr. Smith
        - October-November: International Ceramics Exhibit (Currently cancelled)
          - Per Dan, not cancelled
        - December 2019-January 2020: Winter Garden
  - **FLEXSPACE**
    - Awaiting completed policy/procedure before next exhibit
    - RFP will be marketed heavily in 2019
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  • Co curators lined up
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• Outdoor Public Art
  • No 2019 projects booked as of today
  • 2019 budget unknown; no public art decision packages submitted for 2019
  • Working with Economic/Downtown Development, planning public art murals as an important part of branding the International Marketplace District

• Full time director position approved.
• Jen applied for NEA grant, matching $10,000

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