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

MINUTES
Thursday
March 14, 2019
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER
Call to order at 5:15 pm
Motion: Jane
Second: Julie

ROLL CALL
Fawn Clarke-Peterson
Alexis Cardenas
Cathie Stieg
Juan Fernandez
Julie Gervais
Jane Regnier

OTHERS PRESENT
Jennifer Evans

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES
Motion to approve: Julie Gervais
Second: Juan Fernandez

AGENDA
PAST BUSINESS

• PAST BUSINESS
  o GENERAL
    ▪ Update on policy status
      ▪ No policy as of 3/14. Jen had meeting with Chris Ragona from City. Discussed policy. Jen recommended to go to legal. It is in legal. As a result, Jen would like to move October WCC Ceramic exhibit to next year and instead do Aurora Art League 100th Anniversary Show. After last month’s meeting, Jen emailed Dan to confirm OK to send Illinois Obscenity Law to WCC per his recommendation in the last month’s meeting. As of 3/14/19, Jen has received no response back from Dan.
    ▪ 2019 Assistant Director position
      ▪ No information has been provided. Jen has requested information and there has been no response.
  o THIRD FLOOR
    ▪ Empathy Exhibit call for entries published
      ▪ Live form, published this week, it is on Facebook, Jen to send via Constant Contact. Show for June.
    ▪ Gallery wall maintenance
      ▪ Jen has been repairing gallery walls, spackling, sanding and painting. Also planning to paint the pedestals.
- **FLEXSPACE**
  - WeVibe2Vibe opening/exhibit
    - Curated show opened on March First Friday. Did a very nice job. This Sunday organizer Jalen Woodson is hosting a live painting event with the exhibiting artists and spoken word performances. They have been great for Jen to teach about gallery space and how to hang art. They are meticulous and happy to learn.

- **PUBLIC SPACE**
  - LaSalle/Benton Mural Progress
    - Next month presentation from the artists, Green Life Media

- **UPCOMING BUSINESS**
  - **GENERAL**
    - **2019 Goal Development**
      - Jen to bring goals and plans to the board for additional input at next month’s meeting
    - **Marketing Schedule**
      - Aggressive marketing schedule for 2019. New city staff designer Chad Jimenez is helping get things done quickly. Posters and signs completed. Jen to send Constant Contact this week. Website is updated. Press release is to Clayton. April 5th events during Renanimation opening; Maker is DJ. Winner of spoken word poetry will perform in between sets. Mental health exhibit in flex space. Comedy festival in flex space. Kevin Coval is writing Renanimation catalog essay
    - **2019 Budget**
      - In Feb, contractor expenditures (labels and spackle), cost $140 from events budget. $162.54 currently in Community Fund. $40.84 left in advertising/marketing budget; $13,723 in Special Events. With potential donations 2019 utility boxes may be possible. This spring write decision package for mural for next year.
      - Argentinian artist who contacted APAC/Jen who would like to come and work with artists and students for an installation. APAC would need to cover flight, lodging, inexpensive local materials, and stipend. Fits plans for near-future goal for international artist residency program.
    - **2019 Volunteer Needs**
      - Volunteers needed for April 5. Photographer, greeter, networker upstairs and downstairs. Discussion on offering food for April 5 and/or future events. No food for this event. Potentially split shifts. Fawn to send out volunteer request for the 5th.

- **THIRD FLOOR**
  - Reanimation, Exhibit opens
    - April First Friday is going to be amazing. 3 events on 3rd floor and 2 events in Flex Space.
  - **Events**
    - April 5 FF (Opening show)
    - May FF (open)
    - May 18 (Closing and catalog release – artists here for talk. Juan to facilitate)
  - **Catalogs**
    - City designer can lay out catalogs. Planning to finish catalogs from 2018 exhibits. Plan is to get them all out May 18.
  - **Finding Home**
    - Traveling exhibit that moved to Elgin. With a very different space, images were able to be printed and displayed in different sizes and on different material. Elgin exhibit included two essays about immigration and both will be used for Elgin catalog. Extremely well received by students and
administrations. Students are doing assignments based on the show. Catalog will be combined. Press release about the show traveling to Elgin could be a good thing. Show has been great and there should be more. Some pieces were also shown by World Relief for a volunteer appreciation event.

- **FLEXSPACE**
  - WeVibe2Vibe Paint Event
    - On Sunday, 3/17
  - Kristen Beneke Exhibit
    - Month long solo show
  - Fox Valley Comedy Event
    - First Friday, 4/5
  - Spoken Word group
    - Potentially permanent home for monthly spoken word/poetry slam. Local college students at AU
    - Additional events to be organized by city contractor Sophia Luo
      - Details coming/TBD

- **CITY HALL**
  - Awaiting completed policy/procedure before next exhibit
    - Javi Terrazas to curate first show

- **PUBLIC SPACE**
  - Utility Boxes
    - Sponsorship signage for 2018 utility boxes in progress (APAC logo in development)
      - Waiting on Logo
    - No 2019 city funds, seeking private sponsorship
  - Murals
    - No 2019 city funds
    - Assist privately-funded projects through the process

- **ADJOURN**
  Motion to adjourn: Alexis Cardenas
  Second: Jane Regneir
  Adjourned 6:21 pm

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