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

Draft - MINUTES
Thursday
April 11, 2019
5:00 PM

● CALL TO ORDER
● ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Fawn Clarke-Peterson
Ray Zigota
Jane Ranier
Landa Marie Midgely
Alexis Cardena
Julie Gervais

OTHERS PRESENT
Jen Evans
Chris Ragona
Rebecca Axtel

AGENDA

● APPROVAL OF March Minutes
  ○ Fawn Motioned, Jane & Londa seconded

● PAST BUSINESS
  ○ GENERAL
    ● Policy Status Update
    ○ Policy is close to complete. Under internal review.
    ○ For regularity, working on rubric re: accept/reject work
    ○ To be reviewed by Arts Commission and Public
  ● Update on Asst Director position
    ○ Position has been in budget for 16 months
    ○ Jen requested info, but none yet on reason for holdup of approval
    ○ Jen submitted job description again, including safety concerns re: one person hanging show alone
  ● Budget Update
    ○ $300 left for year
    ○ Need to push decision packages for next year
    ○ Jen to meet with developers for private sponsorship
    ○ Donation box at events for Mural Project
  ● Additional planning by Contractor Sophia Luo
    ○ Contracted at $18,000 annually
    ○ Additional $7500 for events
    ○ Focus on multi-media & Chinese cultural programs
    ○ Arts Commission is seeking info on these programs so they can go
      ■ Invite Sophia to mtg to present
      ■ What can Board do to help?
  ● Attendance update
    ○ 1st Friday APR – 503 visitors
3rd FLOOR
- Reanimation Exhibit
  - Opening event - Artist talk with Jamiya & Julie
- Open Mic event
  - Aliya with Vibe 2 Vibe
  - Wonderful show – invited back

FLEXSPACE
- Kristen Beneke exhibit – good attendance
- On the Fox Comedy Festival
- Pie Yoga & Paint Event

PUBLIC SPACE
- Blackhawk Park Sculpture Lease
  - No funds to provide for Park District
  - LaSalle/Benton mural progress report – presented by Rebecca Axtel
    - Project begun between Directors with some amount of Administrative disorganization that slowed project
    - Illustrator paid for concept design (authorship is Rebecca’s)
    - COA didn’t provide 1st payment until October
    - Paint/prep of wall completed in early Nov.
      - Explanation of issues and challenges in applying basecoat
        - Limestone leaching – couldn’t paint – faux finished to look like itself
        - Powdering of paint – use panels instead
        - Window casings unfinished – Josh helped contractor with painting & carpentry
    - Currently renegotiating terms with building owner.
    - Rebecca gave primer on symbolism on flowers and imagery included
    - Yet to come – grapes on arbor, fruit in window, and shadows on window boxes

UPCOMING BUSINESS
- GENERAL
  - 2019 Goal Development
    - Jen is working with Dan on list of items
  - Marketing schedule
    - 4/29 6p Bart Woodstrup talk at Library
  - Wendell Minor Visit/Events
    - Successful Illustrator from Aurora visit May 28-30
    - Public events
    - School tie-in – collaborate with Julie
  - Additional Event Planning by Contractor Sophia Luo
- THIRD FLOOR
  - Reanimation Exhibit
  - Exhibit status
    - 4/26 - Beneke closing reception
    - 5/1 – Discardables – theme is local and recycled
    - 6/3 – Empathy – paired with pride parade
    - Upcoming – Dr. Smith & Aurora Art League 100th Anniversary
    - Catalogues – complete. Quality in areas under question – follow up.
- FLEXSPACE
  - Kristen Beneke
  - Discardables
- CITY HALL
  - Awaiting completed policy/procedure before next exhibit
  - Javi Terrazas scheduled as 1st Guest Curator
- **PUBLIC SPACE**
  - currently fundraising for more utility boxes
  - currently fundraising & accepting proposals for future projects
    - General Mural Program Proposal needed
- **ADJOURN**
  - Motioned by Fawn, seconded by Jane & Ray