

Village of Flossmoor
Public Art Commission
Committee Room
MINUTES

February 13, 2023

This Meeting was also made available over zoom.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Burrows called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Stevenson, Burrows, Lawrence, Cheney, Gordon, O'Brien

Absent: Commissioner Miller

III. Welcome Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Commission

none

IV. Approval of January 9, 2023, minutes Commissioner Burrows called for a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Lawrence brought the motion. Commissioner O'Brien second. Motion passed by roll call vote.

V. Fundraising Project

a. Water bill updates: The commission is sending Stephanie on a fact-finding mission to determine the value of this initiative. Stephanie is to report back to the commission on what she learns. Additionally, Stephanie to find out if the Art Commission can have a table at the new resident event to discuss their commission.

b. Marketing: We will discuss marketing in greater detail at upcoming meetings.

The commission wants to place a brick order form in the new resident gift bags. Commissioner Burrows researched the cost of advertising on the CGN website, and the commission agreed that 125.00 plus a set-up fee was too expensive.

Commissioner Stevenson suggested looking into CAR and challenged the commission to research advertising opportunities.

c. 2023 Fundraising Ideas:

The commission entered into a lengthy discussion on the topic of fundraising. It was determined that the theme of Garden Art was the most promising and provided the most opportunity to raise funds. Other items of interest surrounding fundraising for the commission:

At Flossmoor Fest, if the garden art auction is to be the following year, we would have raffles of a few examples, such as a bird bath, a planter, a birdhouse, sculpture, with people being able to select which item they are putting their money into and we would draw at this event. We anticipate raising money this way and seeing where the interests (types of garden art) might be.

The T-shirt fundraiser was also mentioned as revenue for this year, and we would like the t-shirts to be catchy in theme.

- Continue to use the same auction website as in prior years.
- The ability to pay by charge card is vital to fundraising success.
- Offer a buy-it-now price and auction.
- Consider developing the idea and hold off until 2024 for the auction
- preview the project at the fest in 2023
- offer prizes or a certificate for auction items the commission deems winners for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place.
- Host a ticketed fireside chat with an artist at Wiley's as a fundraiser.
- Commissioner Stevenson suggests one commissioner step forward as the lead for the garden art project.
- Commissioner Gordon shared the idea of an art show on the vacant lot.

VI. Strategic Plan

none

VII. Flossmoor Public Art:

- a. *Permanent Collection: no update on the Minions base restoration.*
- b. *Rotational Program*
Schedules, Departures, Arrivals -Stephanie will speak with Mr. Karpowicz about the pieces in Ballantrae when appropriate.
Prospects-Stephanie had a phone call in regards to artist Nicolas Dubreuille from France. He has two pieces available in the United States and is interested in the rotational program. After a discussion, the Commission reviewed his two pieces and determined they were interested in the piece titled Sans Titre Ref (366), 2022, for the Argyle traffic circle. Commissioner Cheney brought forth a motion to present the sculpture to the Village Board and Commissioner Lawrence Second. The motion passed by roll call vote.
- c. *Other Public Art: None*
- d. *Website: None*
- e. *Otocast: None*

VIII. Old Business

- a. *The commission would like the updated walking path map available for the new resident event.*
- b. *Three brick orders have been placed. Commissioner Burrows to complete the thank you notes.*
- c. *SD 161 would be interested in adding the sculpture collection to their unit titled 'Art in My Community' Additionally, Stephanie is working with the curriculum director to arrange for five field trips for a specific grade level from 161. The school would love for the commission to act as a docent for the tours at Leavitt Park.*

IX. New Business

- a. *The Veteran's Memorial has been awarded a 25k grant for its project. Part of the award will involve a tour of various Flossmoor amenities. Stephanie asked the commission if they would consider providing a tour, and the commission responded positively.*

- b. *Commissioner Stevenson shared an exciting event that will be taking place at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Garden at their community table. The “A Seat at the Table” event seeks to bring together representatives from surrounding communities to share ideas and collaborate. The event is to take place on June 2, 2023.*

XI. *Adjournment: Commissioner Burrows called for a motion to close the meeting. Commissioner Cheney so moved, and Commissioner Stevenson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.*

Next Meeting: March 13, 2023