

VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

Zoom Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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- I. Call to Order
The remote meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.
- II. Roll Call
Present: Chair Burrows, Vice Chair Stevenson, Commissioners Lombardi and Gordon
Absent: Commissioners Cheney and Hobson
Staff: Laura Brennan-Levy
Note: Commissioner Lorsch resigned after the February 8, 2021 meeting.
- III. Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Commission
None
- IV. Approval of the February 8, 2021 Minutes
Chair Burrows called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting. Motion: Commissioner Lombardi, Second: Vice Chair Stevenson. The motion passed by a voice vote.
- V. Public Art Commission Proposed Guidelines Review
The commission reviewed the Flossmoor Public Art Commission Guidelines, outlining the purpose of the commission, as well as activities and expectations for commissioners.
Motion: Commissioner Gordon made a motion to approve the Commission Guidelines as presented.
Second: Commissioner Lombardi
The motion passed by a voice vote.
AYES: Chairman Burrows, Vice Chairman Stevenson, Commissioners Gordon and Lombardi
ABSENT: Commissioners Cheney and Hobson
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None
Laura will share the Commission Guidelines with Village Staff to determine how to proceed.
- VI. Fundraising Projects
 - A. Bricks of Love Campaign extended to March 17, 2021 updates
26 bricks have been sold so far during the campaign. Several more are expected. Commissioners are encouraged to continue promoting. A fillable brick application form can be found on ArtFlossmoor.com. Individuals can complete the online form, and mail in check.

B. Barrels of Hope Fundraising Auction updates

1. Artist Interest Form

All artist who filled out an interest form have been notified that the application will be available April 7th.

2. Barrel Primer

Chair Burrows purchased paint primer to provide to artists at barrel pickup.

3. Artist Application Draft

Laura shared an artist application draft including submission guidelines. Similar to the Flags of Flossmoor application, artists are asked to submit an image and/or description of art. The application period is April 7th through April 25th, or as long as barrel availability lasts. Chair Burrows and Commissioner Lombardi will review applications in the order they are submitted to ensure submission guidelines are followed.

Chair Burrows will draft a letter to Flossmoor sculpture artist inviting them to participate.

Chair Burrows will follow-up with Commissioner Cheney on creating a poster of Flossmoor sculptures. The posters will be for sale during the Barrels of Hope auction period. Burrows has also been in touch with the Hidden Gem race organizers to see if there is any interest in posters.

Chair Burrows presented an idea on asking the Flossmoor Green Commission to promote residential rain barrel purchases available through the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWDR) at a discounted price. The rain barrels could be cross-promoted with the Barrels of Hope fundraiser. Commissioner Lombardi cautioned that the cross-promotion might be confusing and detract from the fundraiser. Chair Burrows will present the idea to the Green Commission and clearly communicate that it would not be part of the Barrels of Hope fundraiser.

VII. Rotational Program

A. Outreach to Potential Artists – Invitation to Apply to Rotational Exhibit

The commission is committed to recruiting artists who are making excellent art and will work to ensure access for artists of color and women. Laura sent 15 artists on the outreach list a prospectus and online entry form to the Rotational Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition.

B. Survivor Repairs

Vice Chair Stevenson has maintenance plan, including process and supplies guidelines, from Vector Fabrication. Steve from Vector will be available to consult by phone on the project. All information has been shared with Flossmoor Public Works staff to determine if job can be handled in-house. Vice Chair Stevenson and Commissioner Lombardi will be hands-on consultants.

C. Me and My Shadow status

No update

Graffiti has been discovered on the Ribbon sculpture on Sterling Avenue. Vice Chair Stevenson requested that Public Works hold off on repair so he can research proper method to clean COR-TEN steel.

VIII. Old Business

a. Sculpture Protection – Municipal Code

Assistant Village Manager Allison Matson is updating the Flossmoor Municipal Code to include the following: *It is a violation to alter, deface, or vandalize any public monument, sculpture or public art no matter the form.* A note on sculpture protection will also be added to Artflossmoor.com.

b. Sculpture Collection Promotional Postcard

Laura is working with Village staff to get a quote for 500 printed postcards.

c. Mural Project

No update.

IX. New Business

Commissioner Lorsch contacted Mayor Braun and announced her resignation from the commission after the February 8, 2021 meeting. Lorsch was a valuable member of the commission and will be greatly missed. Her years of service will be honored at a future Flossmoor Board Meeting. Commissioners are encouraged to refer interested residents to apply for the open position through the online commission application found on the Flossmoor website.

The Community Relations Commission is hosting a virtual New Resident Event on April 10th at 4:00 pm. Chair Burrows will confirm that she can participate to represent the Public Art Commission.

Commissioner Lombardi identified misleading information regarding sculpture maintenance on a political candidate's webpage. The posting implied that there are unaddressed sculpture repairs due to the Village infrastructure budget. Chair Burrows communicated with the candidate that all sculpture maintenance is paid for solely through donations, and maintenance plans are in place.

X. Adjournment

Chair Burrows called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion: Vice Chair Stevenson, Second: Commissioner Lombardi. Motion passed by a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next Meeting April 12, 2021