

## VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

### MINUTES

April 12, 2021

7:00 p.m.

ZOOM

- I. Call to Order  
The remote meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.
- II. Roll Call  
Present: Chair Burrows, Commissioners Cheney, Gordon, and Hobson (joined late); welcome new Commissioner Jodie Lawrence  
Absent: Vice Chair Stevenson and Commissioner Lombardi  
Staff: Laura Brennan-Levy
- III. Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Commission  
Mayor-elect Michelle Nelson was in attendance to discuss distribution plans for the Barrels of Hope project.
- IV. Approval of the March 8, 2021 Minutes  
Chair Burrows called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting as amended.  
Motion: Commissioner Cheney, Second: Commissioner Gordon. The motion passed by a voice vote.
- V. Public Art Commission Proposed Guidelines Review  
Assistant Village Manager Allison Matson is reviewing the Guidelines and will report back to the commission at the next meeting.
- VI. Fundraising Projects
  - A. Bricks of Love Campaign Results  
The brick campaign met the fundraising goal of \$3,000 through the purchase of 38 bricks. The commissioners discussed ways to thank the brick campaign supporters and invite them to view installed bricks. Commissioner Hobson suggested having materials available for brick rubbings. Commissioner Gordon suggested the continued promotion of the brick fundraiser for graduations, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Laura will share campaign results with Communications Manager Amy Kent.
  - B. Barrels of Hope Fundraising Auction – Commission Tasks
    1. April 7 - April 25: Application review and approval, set up auction site  
Allison will forward barrel applications to Chair Burrows and Commissioner Lombardi to review.  
Laura will find order information on the 3 x 5 barrel plaques, and set up structure for online auction site. Commissioners will discuss the fundraising goal, specific auction price points, and other auction items at the May meeting. An initial suggested barrel starting bid is \$95, with bids going up in \$10 increments.
    2. April 26 - May 1: Barrel Pick-up and Fee collection  
Michelle Nelson will work with Chair Burrows to coordinate pickup times and fee collection.
    3. June 15: Deadline to return painted barrels  
Michelle Nelson and Chair Burrows will coordinate with Flossmoor Public Works Department and Homewood Auto Body Shop to get the barrels coated and installed near businesses in downtown

Flossmoor, Flossmoor Commons, and Wiley's Grill at Coyote Run Golf Course. The commission recommends securing the barrels to the ground with brackets.

4. July 5: Barrels unveiled in Flossmoor
5. July 5 - September 11: Barrels on display and online auction open

Michelle Nelson suggested spotlight interviews with barrel artists throughout the summer.

VII. Rotational Program

A. Survivor Maintenance Plan

Commissioner Stevenson is contacting Terry Karpowicz to see if his gallery assistant is interested in the maintenance job. They will work with Allison Matson on the contractor insurance requirements.

B. Ribbon Repair

Commissioner Stevenson is in conversation with Barry Tinsley on the repair job.

C. Artist Application to review

Local artist Jason Verbeek submitted a sculpture exhibit application with three sculptures. Two of the sculptures incorporate live plants in the design. Verbeek has participated in several Chicago Sculpture Exhibits, and Vertical Vegetation (aka Living Sculpture) was featured in 2010. Laura is requesting complete artist biographical information and a description of the three pieces submitted.

Commissioners will continue to reach out to artists who are female and/or persons of color. Laura will contact Hilde DeBruyne, who applied in 2019, to see if she currently has any pieces available for loan. Commissioner Gordon offered to reach out to Gino Miles to see if he has any pieces available for the exhibit.

VIII. Old Business

a. Sculpture Protection – Municipal Code

Code language going to April 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for approval.

b. Sculpture Collection Promotional Postcard

Amy Kent checking on cost for 500 cards.

c. Commission Guidelines

See V. above.

IX. New Business

Chair Burrows has questions about a possible Leavitt Park improvement plan by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, and the impact on the sculpture garden. Allison Mattson reported that the Village of Flossmoor has not been contacted, but will get information on how to participate in the planning process.

Chair Burrows has been in discussion with the Hidden Gem Race organizers about a fundraising poster to support the Flossmoor Public Art Program. Commissioner Cheney agreed to create a design.

X. Adjournment

Chair Burrows called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion: Commissioner Cheney, Second: Commissioner Gordon. Motion passed by a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Next Meeting May 10, 2021