

Village of Flossmoor
Public Art Commission
Committee Room

MINUTES

May 8, 2023

This Meeting was also made available over Zoom.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Burrows called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

II. Roll Call

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

Absent: Commissioner Lawrence

III. Welcome Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Commission

Ken and Mary Gherling were present

Jala and Jennifer Blackwell were present

IV. Approval of April 10, 2023, minutes Commissioner Burrows called for a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner O'Brien brought the motion. Commissioner Stevenson second. Motion passed by roll call vote.

V. Flossmoor Public Art

- a. Permanent Collection: Commissioner O'Brien removed the graffiti from Edge of Awakening with fine-grit sandpaper. Marmeg has a broken or damaged wing. Commissioner O'Brien to reach out to the artist over Instagram. Stephanie to inquire if Commissioner Shaw can do the repair work or can only donate the wood for the base of Minions. Commissioner Burrows would like the minutes to reflect increased damage to pieces in the collection, an issue we have not faced as much in the past. She would like this brought to the Village's attention.

b. Rotational Program:

Board presentation-Commissioner Burrows did a wonderful job during the presentation at the board meeting. The board voted unanimously to bring *Sans Titre Ref 366* to the rotational collection. Stephanie is working on the next steps.

Schedule, arrivals, departure- A discussion took place about the two pieces by Terry Karpowicz currently installed at Ballantrae, with the decision that these pieces will leave the rotational collection at the end of their contract in June. Stephanie will schedule their departure. If pieces are placed in Flossmoor at-large, visibility and viability of the location are important factors.

Prospects-The commission discussed bringing the piece by Hubert Phipps titled *Paradise* to the rotational collection on a 3yr loan. Commissioner Cheney brought forth the motion to present this piece to the Village Board in June, and Commissioner Stevenson second. The vote passed by a roll call vote. Commissioner Burrows offered to

present the piece to the Village Board. As an aside, Commissioner Stevenson would like to request a diagram of the footprint of the piece.

- c. Other Public Art: Stephanie shared that the HF MVP students will install two temporary public art installations in the Village of Flossmoor. The first is Yarnbombing, and the second is rainworks sprayed onto sidewalks to display an image or message when it gets wet.

VI. Fundraising Projects:

The commission discussed various fundraising ideas, from t-shirts, patron circles, the water bill, and a raffle. Stephanie to investigate if a flyer can go into the water bill in regard to the water bill. The commissioners agreed they must actively work on items to raffle off at Chamber night or the fest. This will be discussed further at the June meeting.

VII. Strategic Plan:

- a. Membership: Stephanie let the commission know their member number will remain 7. Commissioner Burrows shared that she provided Mayor Nelson with a list of names.

VIII. Old Business

- a. *Brick and Bench Update: Stephanie informed the commission that the current brick vendor is experiencing a shortage. Stephanie is working to source a new vendor.*
- b. *Curriculum for schools: Stephanie is working to hear back on availability for the field trips. Stephanie will staff the field trip if none of the commissioners are available. The commissioners will be advised of the date(s) to see if any of them can participate.*
- c. *A positive overview of the new resident event was shared. Commissioner Burrows reflected that not many new residents were present and wondered how the art commission (and other commissions) could layer in support.*

IX. New Business

- a. *Walking tour: the date has been set for June 28th from 6-7 pm.*
- b. *Pride: Stephanie invited the commissioners to help staff the booth at Pride and offer a welcoming presence. Commissioner Stevenson wondered if the Ribbons sculpture could be turned into a pin or a ribbon to commemorate different holidays.*
- c. *America in Bloom: Stephanie asked the commission to hold July 6&7 for dates to offer tours for the representatives of America in Bloom, which is the group awarding the veterans memorial with a \$25,000 grant.*
- d. *100th anniversary: Stephanie shared that some aspects of the 100-year celebration will be sprinkled throughout the entire 2024 calendar year.*
- e. *Commissioner Burrows brought up the traffic circles at both Leavitt Park and in Heather Hill. While there isn't room for a piece at Leavitt due to safety, there is room for a piece at Heather Hill. The commission will continue to discuss this as an option when a piece becomes available.*
- f. *Commissioner Burrows created a survey she would like to give the entire commission. The survey will help gauge the different interests of the commissioners in regard to sculpture. She will email the survey to the commissioners and requests they return it before the next meeting.*
- g. *Commissioners Burrows and Stevenson will meet with the Village Manager and Assistant Manager.*

XI. Adjournment: *Commissioner Burrows called for a motion to close the meeting. Commissioner O'Brien so moved, and Commissioner Stevenson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.*

Next Meeting: June 12, 2023