

VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

Village Hall (in person)/Zoom Meeting

July 12, 2021

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Burrows called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Burrows, Commissioners Stevenson, Cheney, Lombardi, Lawrence

Absent: Commissioners Hobson, Gordon

Also present: Mayor Nelson, Assistant Village Manager Matson

III. Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Commission

None

IV. Approval of the June 14, 2021 Minutes

Chairman Burrows called for a motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021.

Motion: Cheney. Second: Stevenson. Motion passed by a voice vote.

V. Public Art Commission Proposed Guidelines Review

Allison discussed the changes that had been made since the last review.

VI. Motion to Adopt Chapter 9, Article 2 of the Municipal Code (Remote Meeting Attendance)

Allison stated that the Open Meetings Act, outside of a pandemic, allows for remote meeting attendance by public body members under very narrow circumstances. The member must be unable to attend due to illness, family or other emergency, employment purposes or business of the public body. Prior to allowing remote attendance, a public body must adopt rules from the Open Meetings Act. The Village Board passed an ordinance adopting the rules; the Art Commission may also adopt those rules by adopting Chapter 9, Article 2 of the Flossmoor Municipal Code.

Chairman Burrows called for a motion to adopt Chapter 9, Article 2 of the Flossmoor Municipal Code. Motion: Lawrence. Second: Cheney. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

VII. Village Events

1. Flossmoor Fest- Staffing of booth, posters

The Commission discussed staffing the booth for Flossmoor Fest.

Commissioners Cheney and Lawrence are available. Commissioner Lombardi may be available depending on her travel schedule. Allison will reach out to HF High School for volunteers to assist bidders for the auction. The posters and flags will also be sold at the tent.

2. Hidden Gem – The commission will sell posters at the event.

3. Other summer events – Chamber Music – The event takes place on the steps of the Flossmoor Library on August 18. The commission will hand out fliers at the event and encourage bidding on the barrels and the flags. If possible, the flags will be displayed between the trees on the parkway and stay up until Flossmoor Fest.

VIII. Fundraising Projects

A. Barrels of Hope Fundraising Auction – Commission Tasks

The barrels are all on display and the auction is open. Allison will have an update on the fee collection for next meeting. Mike will finish the poster and postcard once we have the bitly link and the QR code. Mayor Nelson sent an email to the artists and Amy will feature the artist bios throughout the month leading up to the event. The auction will be featured in the fall newsletter which is expected to hit homes before Flossmoor Fest.

IX. Rotational Program

A. Survivor Maintenance Plan: status, pictures – We are still waiting on insurance. Commissioner Stevenson connected with Oakley via text and he said he was finishing projects and was still working on the insurance.

B. Ribbon Repair – Commissioner Stevenson will follow up with the sculptor who will sandblast the affected area.

C. Me and My Shadow Maintenance - No new information

D. Artist Updates and Application(s) to review – Verbeek, Debruyne, Oakley, Charles Strain – The Commission discussed Highlands Park as a location for the Debruyne sculpture. Allison will follow up. The commission discussed the Verbeek sculptures. Commissioner Cheney made a motion to acquire Vertical Vegetation and Prairie Pump for the rotational sculpture program. Second: Commissioner Lombardi. The motion passed by a voice vote. The proposed location for Prairie Pump is next to the railroad tracks at the southwest corner of Braeburn and Flossmoor Road.

X. Old Business

- a. Sculpture Collection Promotional Postcard – Printed and distributed (uses) – No new information
- b. Brick updates – No new information
- b. Commission Guidelines - No new information
- c. Leavitt Park – Allison will continue to track with the park district to ensure the Art Commission is included in planning.

XI. New Business

- A. Flossmoor 100th Anniversary preliminary discussion - No new information

Chairman Burrows notified the commission that Kyrin Hobson will be resigning. Commissioner Hobson suggested a student liaison be added to the group.

The Commission discussed the veterans memorial project. Generally, the Commission liked the design but members were disappointed that the group had arrived at a design without further involvement by the village. Concerns included the impact on the Art Commission fundraising, diversity by age, race and military branch of the group, and whether the commission or the village would absorb future maintenance costs. The Commission is supportive of the project, but not under the auspices of public art. The Commission expressed that it should be understood that no public arts funds should be used for this project, now or in the future.

Mayor Nelson asked for suggestions for a new commissioner.

XII. Adjournment

Chairman Burrows called for a motion to adjourn. Motion: Stevenson. Second: Lombardi.
Motion passed by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Next Meeting August 9, 2021