

Shorewood Public Art Committee

Minutes of April 6, 2022

PAC Members: Ellie Rabinowitz, Kenneth Vonderberg, Kevin Weber

Others present: Village Manager Rebecca Ewald, Assistant Village Manager Chris Anderson

Next PAC Meeting: May 4, 2022, at 8:30 AM

- 1. Call to order.** Ellie Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.
- 2. Discuss secretary for meeting minutes (February, March)** Rebecca shared with the committee she'd put the minutes from February and March into the committee's format. These could not be approved at the meeting since they were not listed as such on the agenda. Kevin asked about the process for future meeting minutes and Rebecca mentioned they would come to Assistant Village Manager Chris Anderson for posting to the website.
- 3. Discuss high school as possible arts festival venue.** Ellie began discussion on this request from Deb Medin. Rebecca is familiar with a movie series in the high school auditorium which has an application to complete and the fee is \$160 that includes audio visual set up. Rebecca will share the contact at the school district with Ellie. Kevin also mentioned using outside- Rebecca is not sure if a different type of permit would be required. Ellie and the committee discussed hiring someone to be a Program Director. Before developing the full scope, the committee discussed the need to determine what they were going to do to help inform the level of coordination. An idea to split the events to be conducive to the seasons was discussed. Rebecca discussed the importance of the auditorium as a community theatre and this could be a type of rebirth of the space. Ellie contacted one of the Shorewood HS directors to make that connection since the drama department at Shorewood HS could be an opportune partner. The question was posed if there would be opportunities for students to showcase. The community has a lot of folks that perform and have talents to share. No action was taken.
- 4. Other arts festival discussion.** The discussion continued on how best to recruit volunteers to put on this event. Rebecca mentioned writing up a scope statement that could be included in the Village Manager's memo and sharing a link to Facebook and other social media groups. Ellie would be glad to coordinate performance art and discussion shifted to who could coordinate visual art components. It was mentioned that the Shorewood artist community is a large group of over 120 individuals so volunteers and interest should be there. There was no action taken beyond the discussion.
- 5. Library request to deal with Plein Air easels.** There are 40 easels currently being stored in the Library from when the PAC did the Plein Air event at Atwater Park. They are large wooden easels that are well made, but cumbersome and the Library has asked if there is another place they can be stored. Ken mentioned contacting the Shorewood Artist's Guild and Rebecca confirmed they were contacted but no interest was shown.
- 6. Manhole cover project proposition from Leeann.** Leeann was going to come in to discuss this as an option to have art everywhere, but it is cost prohibitive. No action.

- 7. Discuss Ghost Train status.** Ellie has been in contact with Kevin Power to try to connect to the network to make changes to the color kinetic software. Ken illustrated that if the product is still under warranty, the only folks dealing with it should be the contractor as an external party could nullify the warranty. Kevin agreed with this perspective and Ken asked to see the original agreement. Ellie and Ken will engage further to contact the contractor together to attempt reaching a resolution.
- 8. Discuss other Old/New Business.** Ellie opened the discussion for the committee and Ken brought up a local artist asking about placing artist stickers in vending machines. A converted cigarette vending machine in the Saint Kate Arts hotel sells art that can fit in the machine's slots and it is a unique approach. Ellie was uncertain about acquiring a vending machine given that there is an abundance of easels.
- 9. Adjournment.** Ellie asked if there was a motion to adjourn, which was then proposed by Ken and seconded by Kevin. The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 AM.