

MINUTES
ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
REGULAR MEETING
March 1, 2018

Present: Ms. Charlene Brownson, Dr. Michaeline Chance-Reay, Mr. Aaron Oleen, Ms. Hilary Wahlen and Ms. Karen McCulloh.

Absent were: Mr. Wayne Goins, Ms. Rebecca Hackemann-Bahlmann, Ms. Julie Pentz and Ms. Sujatha Prakash.

Visitor present at the meeting was Mr. Lucas Shivers, USD 383.

Employees present at this meeting were Mr. Randi Clifford, Director of Recreation, Ms. Lindsey Sparlin, interim Recreation Coordinator, and Mr. Wyatt Thompson, Asst. Parks & Recreation Director.

Mr. Oleen called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. It was moved by Dr. Michaeline Chance-Reay and seconded by Ms. Hilary Wahlen to approve the minutes of the February 1st meeting. Passed 5-0.

Park at Lee Mill Heights Master Plan

Wyatt Thompson presented the information on the draft master plan for the Park at Lee Mill Heights. He presented some background and history, the reason Manhattan wants to keep the park, and the feedback from the community on essential features. Thompson explained that development for the Loma Ridge entrance will include restrooms, play trail, shelter, and a natural maze. It was explained that art elements are possible for this park area, within the play area or throughout the trail. There are also renovations proposed for the Miller Parkway Entrance which includes a shelter, butterfly gardens, scenic overlook, restrooms, and a space for theatre seating to promote outdoor education or farmer's markets. Opportunities are there for public art that could be incorporated within the walls of the shelters or sculptures that can be climbed on. The budget states that 1% will be put aside for art within these areas. There was discussion about the layout of the park and maintenance for the art that would be incorporated into the plan. Mr. Aaron Oleen proposes a subcommittee that could potentially work together with the department on planning. There was discussion about what the money would go for and if we would want to save and wait to get more funding through the phases. Thompson asked for feedback as the design advances and will return at a future meeting to explain more about the development. The Board discussed providing a subcommittee in the next few years that can advocate for the use of public art.

Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Oleen explained that he made some changes in the prices, the history, reasoning for the sculpture, and why the library is no longer an ideal location.

It was discussed that a juried art program isn't included into the CIP. Ms. Hilary Wahlen shared information she had gathered and background on offering a sculpture contest. The Board discussed this concept and how the sculptures could be displayed around town on permanent platforms and the pieces would be available for a set period of time. Oleen explained that there is not enough time to submit this through the CIP. Mr. Clifford expressed that it would be a better project for the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation grant.

The Board formed a subcommittee to develop the juried art show concept and meet at a separate time to finalize a grant request with the GMCF. Members from the Board that will serve on the subcommittee include, Ms. Hilary Wahlen, Ms. Rebecca Hackemann-Bahlmann, and Ms. Karen McCulloh. Juried Art Subcommittee will meet on March 14th at noon. A draft of the grant request will be sent to the Board prior to the next meeting for review via email.

Meeting Schedule – Date Changes

Ms. Karen McCulloh moved that the meeting would be moved to the second Wednesday of every month effective in April. It was seconded by Ms. Hilary Wahlen. Motion passed 5-0.

Tal Streeter Project Update

Ms. Hilary Wahlen moved to approve the Tal Streeter project to be presented to the City for consideration in the CIP program. It was seconded by Dr. Michaeline Chance-Reay. Ms. Karen McCulloh stated that there should be a change in the wording to create a feel for the structure to be known as the "signature piece for Manhattan." Motion passed 5-0

NEA Our Town Grant

Mr. Oleen reported on his presentation to the Manhattan Art Center (MAC) Board to request their assistance in working together with AHAB on the Our Town grant. The MAC Board gave approval to this partnership but did not designate a staff person and/or board member to serve on the committee yet. Oleen explained that the Board will need to have a subcommittee that is willing to work with them as well. It was discussed that the NEA is waiting for budget authorization so the Board will need to wait for additional information. Oleen explained that we would want to have something ready by August 1 since deadlines are typically in September. Oleen suggested waiting for the April meeting to vote for the grant subcommittee so it is presented to the members that were absent.

Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge

The Board discussed that this project is something that is too big for AHAB to take on right now and could possibly be considered by AHA! Manhattan or a similar type organization.

Other Business

Ms. McCulloh explained that she is on the ATA bus board and is wanting to invite members to the AHAB meeting to potentially discuss incorporating art into the bus stops.

Staff Reports

Mr. Clifford explained that Parks and Recreation is moving forward with their summer programs and has one date left to book for Arts in the Park. The shows for the youth theatre program include Alice in Wonderland Jr. and Seussical the Musical.

Meeting adjourned 1:14 pm