

**MINUTES**  
**ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD**  
**ZOOM**

December 9, 2020

**Present:** Ms. Karen McCulloh, Mr. Doug Barrett Jr., Mr. Jahvelle Rhone, Ms. Hilary Wahlen, Ms. Charlene Brownson, Ms. Sujatha Prakash

**Absent:** Ms. Julie Pentz and Dr. Michaeline Chance-Reay

**Staff Present:** Mr. Randi Clifford, Mr. Zach Bayless and Ms. Molli Maberry

**Others:** Mr. Vern Henricks

**A. Call to Order**

1. Ms. McCulloh called meeting to order at 12:00 pm

**B. Introduction of New Members**

1. Mr. Doug Barrett Jr. and Mr. Jahvelle Rhone were appointed by the Mayor to replace Ms. Sarah Hoyt and Mr. Aaron Oleen.

**C. Consider approval of the Minutes for the meeting held on October 14, 2020**

1. Approval of the October 14, 2020 minutes with motion made by Ms. Wahlen and seconded by Ms. Prakash. Motion passed 4-0.

**D. Public Comment**

1. None.

**E. Project Updates**

1. MHK Juried Public Art Exhibition
  - a. Purchase of Current Exhibition Work
    - Mr. Clifford was approached by Mr. Henricks with GMCF to consider an option to potentially purchase piece(s) of the current exhibition work displayed on Third Street and donate that work to the City for permanent installation.
    - Mr. Clifford looking at options of purchasing art for private and public display.
  - b. Update on 2021/22 Funding and RFP/Call for Entries
    - Mr. Clifford mentioned that the approval process is slow because of COVID-19 priorities within the city.
    - Mr. Clifford has received permission to apply for a \$30,000 grant with GMCF for 2021/22 Juried Public Art Exhibition funding.
    - Ms. Wahlen requests to stipulate only completed art work be submitted for the Exhibition.
    - Mr. Clifford to set-up meeting for Juried Public Art Exhibition subcommittee to discuss details for 2021/22.
  - c. Recruitment of Juror
    - Reached out to Rebecca Hackemann for assistance

2. Donated Art Policy
  - a. Review sample policies from other communities.
    - Mr. Clifford wants to draft a donated art policy to have something in place if an artist decided to donate art to the City of Manhattan.
  - b. Follow-up with an internal committee meeting
    - Mr. Bayless states that Public/Percent for Art Policy subcommittee needs to be re-established after two members are no longer on the advisory board. Only remaining member on that subcommittee is Ms. Prakash.
3. Douglass Rec Center Mural Project
  - a. RFP for artists will be sent out in January.
  - b. Dr. Reay and Ms. Prakash serve on selection review committee.
4. Middle School Recreation Center Photo/Graphics Wall Projects
  - a. Review sample layout.
    - Looking to pay homage to the name of the facilities, Susan B. Anthony and Dwight D. Eisenhower. Graphic wall is made up of many smaller images that make up a mosaic of the two historic figures.
  - b. Future site for large wall mural.

#### **F. Other Business**

1. Little Library Project – Ms. Wahlen
  - a. AHAB can partner with Manhattan Area Technical College Construction Technology Department to construct 5 Little Libraries or Blessing Boxes. Looking for artists to paint the boxes and possibly auction them off help fund the building materials.
2. GMCF Presentation – Mr. Henricks
  - a. GMCF has about \$150,000 – \$200,000 to invest in art and other areas from a grant given by Lincoln and Dorothy Deihl.
  - b. Mr. Henricks created a GMCF Community Arts Trustee Committee made up of trustee members that are art enthusiasts, owners or just interested in populating art in Manhattan.
  - c. Mr. Henricks has an initial focus of outdoor art. Proposes a way to keep certain pieces of art from the Juried Art Exhibition.
  - d. GMCF has written for an NEA \$100,000 grant to focus on the history along Yuma Street. Will find out in April 2021 if NEA grant was awarded and if awarded will receive funds in July 2021.

#### **G. Staff Reports**

1. Mr. Clifford introduces staff members Mr. Bayless and Ms. Maberry to the new members of AHAB.
2. Ms. Maberry talks about Virtual Gingerbread Contest with gift cards from HyVee for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

3. Ms. Maberry also discusses new cooking class that is partnered with HyVee that will start in January.

#### **H. Adjournment**

1. Ms. McCulloh adjourned the meeting at 1:10 pm.

#### **Next Meeting – January 13, 2020**

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