



## Meeting Minutes October 19, 2022 Columbus Art Commission

**Commissioners Present:** Diane Nance, Merijn van der Heijden, Lisa McLymont, and Gamal Brown

**Commissioners Absent:** Mary Gray, Eliza Ho and Matthew Mohr

**Staff Present:** Lori Baudro, and Marc Rostan, Development Department

### I. Call to order

- Chair, Diane Nance called the CAC Hearing to Order
- Next Hearing: Wednesday at 5:30 pm, November 16, 2022, Commission Hearing Room 204, 111 N. Front Street, Columbus, Ohio, room 204
- Swear in Staff and those speaking before the Commission
- Introduction of Commissioners

### II. Approval of minutes from last meeting, 10-19-22 -- *Approved* (McLymont/Brown) 5-0-0

### III. Returning Applications:

#### CAC #22-02-01 (Continued)

**Art Project:** *Weaving Intersections*

**Applicant:** Marcia Armstrong

**Location:** Schiller Park Pond

**Artist:** Marcia Armstrong

The application for the temporary public art installation, *Weaving Intersections*, was approved by the CAC on February 24. The timeline was to install the artwork in spring 2022 but there were delays. Armstrong reported on the current status of the project and requested approval of a new installation schedule. Photographs of the prototype artworks placed in the pond at Schiller Park were shown to Commissioners.

**Commission Action:** A motion was made to approve extending the project installation time frame into summer 2023. The artist/applicant was requested to provide a more detailed installation timeline to staff at least thirty days before planned installation. **Approved** (McLymont van der Heijden) 4-0-0

**CAC#22-05-02 (Continued)**

**Art Project:** Parking Garage Mural, Astor Park

**Applicant:** Confluence Development LLC

**Location:** City Parking Garage Mural, 101 Columbus Crew Way, Columbus 43215

**Artist:** Karen Snouffer, represented by Hammond Harkins Gallery

Confluence Development LLC, the developer of Astor Park, a mixed-use community being built near Crew stadium, returned to request approval of a mural design by artist Karen Snouffer. The developer was last before the CAC in May 2022, at which time the CAC granted conceptual approval of the proposed location of the mural and the selection of the artist. The mural will be located on the elevator tower at the northwest, courtyard side of the garage that is internal to the adjacent residential and office development. The Department of Public Service (DPS) will oversee fabrication and installation of the mural art by the sign company, DāNite. The art installation is expected to last between five to seven years.

Commissioners complimented Snouffer on her artwork. Concerns were expressed about the placement of art on a city owned building that will be primarily viewed privately by residents and office workers in the attached privately owned buildings. The applicant reminded Commissioners of the mural that they have committed to on the Columbus Crew Way portion of the building and that both murals are privately funded. Commissioners felt that aside from this project, more discussion was needed on whether art on public buildings should ever be restricted from public viewing regardless of how the art is funded.

**Commission Action:** A motion to approve the design and placement of the mural artwork created by artist Karen Snouffer and submitted by the applicant, per CC3115.04(A&B)  
**Approved (Brown/Van der Heijden) 4-0-0**

**CAC #22-09-03 (Continued)**

**Art Project:** Feddersen Community Recreation Center Basketball Court Mural

**Applicant:** Columbus Recreation and Parks and the Columbus Development Department/Public Art

**Location:** 3911 Dresden Street

**Artist:** Sarah Hess, Studio Cera Marie

Commission Staff returned with artist Sarah Hess. Her art proposal was selected by the Artist Selection Panel for the basketball court mural project at the Feddersen Community Recreation Center. Staff was asked to assist CRPD. At the September CAC hearing, commissioners approved the three artist finalists and the location of the mural on the Center's recently refurbished basketball court. Since that time, finalists Derrick Callender, Sarah Hout and Sarah Hess presented their art proposals. The Panel unanimously selected the art proposal by Sarah Hess, which

depicts a two teenage athletes, a male and female, painted along the side out lines. The artist's proposal, material information and artist statement were included in the submission materials and shared with Commissioners. Commissioner Mary Gray served on the artist selection panel.

**Commission Action Requested:** Motion to approve the mural art proposal by Sarah Hess, and placement of the art as shown, on the basketball court at Feddersen Community Recreation Center, per CC 3115.04 (A & B) **Approved (McLymont/Brown) 4-0-0**

#### **IV. New Applications:**

##### **Preliminary Project Discussion**

- None

#### **V. New Business**

- None

#### **VI. Old Business**

**Deputy Director Fening was sick and not in attendance. Staff spoke with her and she had no updates at this time.**

- a) Christopher Columbus Statue Committee – no new updates
- b) Citywide Public Art Master Plan – no new updates

#### **VII. Commissioner Comments**

- a) **Public Art Learning Opportunities:** Commission Chair Diane Nance would like to engage the CAC in public art education opportunities. She shared her idea to have public art experts speak with Commissioners virtually or in person about professional development for art commissioners, contemporary public art topics, etc. Commissioners could also revisit the CAC vision statement and other policy documents, as well as offer other topics as determined by members. The idea was enthusiastically received by commissioners who had expressed interest in learning more about current happenings in public art.

#### **VIII. Staff Comments**

- a) **Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) - 2022 holiday fundraising campaign.** Staff was contacted by Caitlyn Dunn. The SNA was approached by NCH about placing one of the butterfly pieces they'll be using as the public face of their campaign, at Poplar Park. The butterflies will light up each time a contribution to the campaign is made. Staff explained that the butterflies will be three-dimensional representations of the butterflies in their logo, on hospital buildings and used in their marketing campaigns.

The butterflies may have been originally designed by an artist/graphic designer, but have been used in various iterations over the years as a marketing symbol of the hospital and as such, are no longer original artworks requiring CAC approval. Additionally, the Commission has long held that art in the service of advertising is not original art requiring CAC approval.

Although when explained, commissioners generally agreed with the staff position, they had questions about determining when something is art vs. artistic and not requiring CAC approval. Further discussion on this topic is needed.

**- Meeting Adjourned -- Nance/Brown 4-0-0**

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