

Meeting Minutes

Columbus Art Commission



Location: 111 North Front Street, Room 204

Date: April 19, 2023

Time: 5:30pm

Commissioners Present: Merijn Van der Heijden (Chair), Lisa McLymont (Vice-Chair), Mary Gray, Eliza Ho, Gamal Brown

Absent: Matthew Mohr

Staff Present: Luis Teba

Call to Order (5:30)

- Swear in Staff
- Introduction of Commissioners
- Overview of Hearing Format
- Public Forum

A. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Discussion: N/A

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.

Motion by: Gray/McLymont (5-0-0) APPROVED.

B. Continued Applications

- 1) N/A

C. New Applications

- 1) **CAC-23-04-001**

10 Locations in the University District

FLOW / Sara Gallagher

Request for Action

Temporary 1-3 years

Painting 10 storm drains along High Street in the University District.

Discussion:

Sarah Gallagher and Connor Kelly presented.

- Gallagher indicated that they would not paint on the road.
- Gray asked why the animals were numbered.
- Gallagher replied that there is going to be an art walk as well.
- Ho asked where the QR code will appear.
- Gallagher said next to the animal.
- Brown asked how they found their artists.
- Gallagher said that they put out a request on social media.
- McLymont indicated that she liked the project.
- Gray asked how far off the sidewalk it will be.
- Gallagher said not too far.
- Gray said the first artwork was beautiful and very detailed.
- Van Der Heijden asked if it would be on the metal drain itself.
- Gallagher said it would not.
- Van Der Heijden said it would be nice if over time, the drains could be more sculptural.
- Gallagher said some of them are, some of them are not, and it depends on the drain and on the city.

Motion: To approve the proposal as presented

Motion by: Gray/Ho (5-0-0) APPROVED.

D. Conceptual Applications

1) **CAC-23-04-002**

13 Locations around the Short North

Short North Alliance / Caitlyn Dunn

Conceptual Review

Long Term – Privately Owned

Incorporating vinyl artwork onto 13 electrical boxes

Discussion:

Caitlyn Dunn presented.

- Brown asked where they posted.
- Dunn replied that at GCAC, OAC, and Shortnorth.org
- Gray said she likes the variety of the boxes. A multitude of artists makes it more fun.
- Ho asked what the criteria is for the artist evaluation.
- Dunn said they base it off of the Short North Design Guidelines. She views this project as an entryway project for newer artists. We would like to tap an artist who did one in the University District to help provide guidance.
- Ho asked how many artists would be selected.
- Dunn said anywhere from 1-14.
- Van Der Heijden said she would second the comment on variety.
- Brown asked for the make-up of the Short North Public Art Committee. What is the demographic, are we looking at representation and a diverse background?
- Dunn said that historically it was five residents and one gallery owner. They realized they needed certain people in the room for certain projects. We want to morph it so that we aren't just getting residents, but artists who have worked on projects in the past. We are looking for more people to get involved in the project. They are changing their structure to bring diversity into the room.
- McLymont said she agreed with the importance this provided

Motion: N/A

Motion by: N/A

2) **CAC-23-04-003**

I-670 Cap plaza

Short North Alliance / Caitlyn Dunn

Conceptual Review

Temporary Art – 1 year

A 160' temporary mural wall made up of 40 panels.

Discussion:

Caitlyn Dunn presented.

- McLymont asked if the existing artwork could be a wrap or live on.
- Dunn said that was possible to preserve some of the art.
- Van Der Heijden said that would take away the opportunity for a new artist.
- Gray asked how many panels she thought should be preserved.
- McLymont said she didn't have a number in mind. Maybe just one. It would allow an emerging artist to go to that next step.
- Brown said it would be great if they could reach out to the school system to invite student involvement.
- Dunn said that is great idea. They also have an exhibition space where the weekend after they paint their murals, they are given a space to exhibit their work.
- Brown asked where the space was.
- Dunn said near the Goody Boy.

- Ho said the organization would own the copyright. What happens if you take images of them and use them?
- Dunn said they haven't formalized it at this point for this project.
- Ho said she liked the lesson learned page. She asked about the certified contractor wall.
- Dunn said the new wall is a certified contractor constructed wall. In the past some of the walls were a bit unsightly. The angled 10' support section is no longer there.

Motion: N/A

Motion by: N/A

E. New Business

- 1) Teba gave an update on the located art pieces.
- 2) Teba gave an update on the art pieces added to the database.
- 3) Teba gave an update on the art pieces promoted on social media.
- 4) Teba gave an update on maintenance.

F. Old Business

- 1) **Voting for Chair and Vice-Chair**

Motion: To appoint Merijn Van Der Heijden as Chair

Motion by: Gray / McLymont (5-0-0) APPROVED

Motion: To appoint Lisa McLymont as Vice-Chair

Motion by: Gray /Brown (5-0-0) APPROVED

- 2) Update on Existing Projects
 - Teba gave an update on Parsons Avenue Streetscape – "1000 Eyes" installation set for June/July 2023.
 - Teba gave an update on Public Art Maintenance – Blind Eye Restoration 2022 maintenance on 18 pieces completed.
 - Teba gave an update on Public Art Maintenance – Blind Eye 2023 contract awaiting signatures for 34 pieces
 - Teba gave an update on Public Art Appraisal – Contract discussion underway with Gurr Johns.
 - Teba gave an update on Central Avenue Community House – Awaiting final invoice.
- 3) Luis Teba gave a **Training** to the commissioners.

G. Adjournment 6:30pm

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