



**Columbus Art Commission
Meeting Summary
October 20, 2015
50 W. Gay Street (Beacon Building)**

Commissioners Present: Diane Nance, DeeDee Glimcher, Chip Santer, Malcolm Cochran, and David Barker (late)

Commissioners Absent: Sarah Rogers and Barbara Nicholson

Planning Division Staff: Lori Baudro, *AICP*

- I. **Call to Order** – 6:00 p.m.
Chairman Nance welcomed guests and called the meeting to order.
- II. **Next Scheduled Commission Business Meeting** – November 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., King Arts Complex
- III. **Next Scheduled Commission Hearing** – November 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., 50 W. Gay Street (Beacon Building)
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
 - October 20, 2015 Approved 4-0-0 (Nicholson/Cochran)
- V. **Applications**

CAC Application # 15-10-01

Project: Tuttle Park Mechanical's Enclosure Mural
Location: Tuttle Park
Applicant: Tuttle Park Community Recreation Council (CRC)

Presenters: Brue Hoyt, Tuttle Park CRC
Joe Motil, Tuttle Park CRC

The Tuttle Park CRC would like to paint a mural on the wooden fence installed to hide the recreation center mechanicals. The fence has been primed in preparation and the CRC would like to complete the project this year, weather permitting. The fence is located on the southeast side of the recreation center. It is 12 feet high and has three sides and is rectangular in shape. The longest side is approximately 25 feet long and the ends are approximately 15 feet long. Commissioner materials contain images of the artist's work.

Discussion:

Bru Hoyt, a member of the Tuttle Park Community Recreation Council, informed Commissioners that the Council wished to paint a wooden dog eared fence recently installed by Recreation and Parks Department when the new HVAC system was installed at the Center. Hoyt stated that the Council was unhappy with the aesthetics of the fence. The eight member CRC did not issue a formal artist call and the mural opportunity was distributed by word of mouth and on Hoyt's Facebook page. The mural design was shared with the Council and there were no comments for or against. Hoyt expressed a sense of urgency because they would like to get the mural painted this fall before the first frost. He stated that the CRC would also like to install plantings around the perimeter of the fence. All of the Commissioners had questions about the process by which the mural was selected and expressed concern that it appeared it had a very limited reach. Overall, the lack of open process was emphasized, as was the fact that the mural will be painted on city property. Commissioner Cochran expressed the Commission's desire to have great pieces of artwork throughout the city and its neighborhoods. He stated that the Commission has approved well designed murals and artworks that were developed by art teachers and students. The proposal presented has childlike qualities, but was not completed by a child. Commissioners understood the CRC's desire to complete the project quickly, but expressed their position that they will not be rushed to approve a proposal that have multiple concerns about. Hoyt disagreed with the CAC's concern about process and the quality of the proposal; art is subjective. Hoyt also stated that the CRC would have paint available to touch-up the mural if needed. Commissioner Nance touched upon the Visual Artist Rights Act (VARA). Joe Motil mentioned that the CRC has had other murals completed that they have maintained at Tuttle CC. Commissioner Cochran commended the applicants for their art budget. Commissioners felt the budget was sufficient to support a broader artist call and stronger design.

Action Requested:

Approval of the design and placement of the Tuttle Park Mechanical's Enclosure Mural at Tuttle Park, per Code Chapter 3115.03 (A) and 3115.04 (A) & (B)

Commission Action:

A motion was made to approve the design and placement of the Tuttle Park Mechanical's Enclosure Mural at Tuttle Park, per Code Chapter 3115.03 (A) and 3115.04 (A) & (B) **Failed (Glimcher/Santer) 5-0-0**

CAC Application # 15-10-02

Project: Firefighter's Memorial (Granite Monument)
Location: Firefighter's Memorial Grounds/Park
Applicant: Columbus Firefighter's Foundation and Columbus Division of Fire

Presenter: David Whiting, Fire Prevention Bureau Chief

The Columbus Firefighter's Foundation and Columbus Fire Division are in the process of renovating the Firefighter Memorial Grounds/Park located across Marconi Street from City Hall, on the east side of the Scioto River. The work will complement the Scioto River Restoration project due to be completed this year. Volunteer firefighters have worked to clear the site of overgrown plan material to open the space to the river. Currently the granite memorial stone listing the names of firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty is located close to the street and the names are carved into the front and back of the stone. The Foundation wishes to relocate the memorial stone to the northwest side of the grounds, deeper into the site, flanked on either side with smaller granite memorial stones. The names on the back of the primary stone will be removed and carved into the two new memorial stones.

Discussion:

Chief Whiting reviewed the new landscape plan for the Firefighter's Memorial. A memorial service is held every October and firefighters decided to start working on the new landscaping prior to this years' service. All of the landscape material has been removed. The request before the CAC is to relocate the memorial stone at the front (Marconi Street) side of the grounds to the northwest area. In addition, they would like to remove names of fallen firefighters from the back of the stone and place them on two new, smaller granite stones. Chief Whiting anticipated that they would continue working with Columbus Art Memorial. Commissioners were supportive of the plan presented.

Action Requested:

Approval of the relocation of the black granite Firefighter's Memorial per Columbus Code Chapter 3115.04 (E) and Approval of the design and placement of the two new granite memorials per Columbus Code Chapter 3115.04 (A) & (B)

Commission Action:

Motion to approve the relocation of the black granite Firefighter's Memorial per Columbus Code Chapter 3115.04 (E) and Approval of the design and placement of the two new granite memorials per Columbus Code Chapter 3115.04 (A) & (B) ***Approved***
(Santer/Glimcher) 5-0-0

IV. Other Business

- **Public**
- **Public Art Program/Staff**
Commissioner Cochran agreed to serve on the COTA Art Review Panel for the artwork to be added to the planned BRT stops.
- **Commissioners**

V. Adjournment