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Meeting Minutes

MILWAUKEE ARTS BOARD PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

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Tuesday, April 9, 2019

3:00 PM

Room 303, Third Floor, City Hall

Meeting convened at 3:02 p.m.

1. Roll Call.

Present 4 - McSweeney, Morris, Murphy and Klose

Excused 1 - Layden

Individual also present:

Sally Witte, DCD

2. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Meeting minutes from March 12, 2019 were approved with the correction that the wording of "Alexander Walcott Sculpture" be replaced with "General Erastus B Wolcott Statue". There was no objection.

3. New Work Fund.

a. Presentations from applicants:

1) Near West Side Partners

Individuals appearing:

Melissa Mueller, Quorum Architects

Laurie Gramling, 26th Street Project

Ms. Mueller and Gramling gave an overview. The project is called "Voices of the City" drawing words of wisdom. It would be installed on a temporary fence at Wisconsin Avenue School, and a permanent location would also be possible. It is the first project involving a group of artists and community people from 22 organizations making inscriptions to tile pieces, which has now increased to 1500 from 500. Community engagement has included over 22 workshops with the community organizations, sometimes informally. Engagement has also included taking tile kits to the community and then back to the studio. \$4000 in personnel cost is stipen for the

community neighbors. Intern artists are paid by private donors. \$1000 is for materials. A challenge is not knowing exact project costs.

Chair Morris said that the project budget should be redone to include all real budget costs and more money for Ms. Gramling.

2) Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative

Individuals appearing:

Ian Bautista, Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative
Isabel Castro, Chavez Drive's Artist in Residence

Mr. Bautista and Ms. Castro gave an overview. Ms. Castro is an Artist in Residence working out of the public studio and gallery space on S. Chavez Drive with the goal to establish Cesar Chavez Drive as the home of Latino/a arts and culture along the corridor. The project is a community driven mural called "Tejiendo Raices" meaning "weaving roots" and would be installed on the north brick wall facade facing the parking lot at 1017-1023 S. Cesar Chavez Dr. Total project cost is \$17,000 with the mural cost at \$9000. Ms. Castro will continue to work with and expand beyond 5 families of students and parents on all of her various paint and media projects, including this one. They have requested NIDC funding. There will be in-kind supplies provided from various sources.

Chair Morris said that the project budget should be redone to include \$5000 in material cost, \$4000 from in-kind, and removal of the NIDC request to avoid a double city match problem.

Mr. Bautista said that they want to increase stipends and will avoid the NIDC request.

3) Riverwest Radio

Individual appearing:

Dick Blau, Riverwest Radio

Mr. Blau said that the request would be for \$2000 with \$1400 for the projectionist and \$600 for light bulb and installation.

Chair Morris said that the subcommittee would consider the application under the Conservation Fund (not the New Work Fund) and for proof of matching funds to be provided.

Ms. Witte said that donors should submit written correspondence as part of the application.

Chair Morris said for the committee to review at its next meeting the application from Uptown Crossing.

4. Conservation Fund.

a. Review of Applications

-Milwaukee Downtown Business Improvement District

Individual appearing:

Gabriel Yeager, Milwaukee Downtown BID 21

Mr. Yeager gave an overview. The request is for \$1150 to clean the Letter Carrier's Statue at Cathedral Square. The BID is managing the square from April 1st to November and had only factored landscaping around the statue. Neighborhood engagement occurred on March 15th.

Chair Morris moved to recommend approval in awarding \$1000 in Conservation Funds to the Milwaukee Downtown BID for cleaning the Letter Carrier's Monument at Cathedral Square. There was no objection.

b. Update on Projects

Chair Morris gave an update. The Friends of Hank Aaron State Trail will complete the pouring of the bases for 5 sculptures in the coming weeks. Two of the sculptures have been done and will be moved out of their studio. Efforts are still being made towards funding the remaining sculptures.

5. New Business.

Chair Morris said that perhaps the subcommittee or full arts board can discuss advocating for preserving the Dan Kiley landscape and chestnut trees at the Marcus Performing Arts Center; otherwise, members can advocate as private citizens for when the matter comes up before the Common Council Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee meeting, which is anticipated to occur on April 30th prior to the subcommittee and arts board meeting next time.

6. Old Business.

a. Art Collection

This item was not discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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