

**Village of Flossmoor  
Public Art Commission Meeting  
MINUTES  
January 10, 2022**

I. Call to Order

*Chairperson Burrows called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.*

II. Roll Call

*Present: Commissioners Burrows, Lawrence, Gordon, Cheney, Stevenson, O'Brien*

III. Welcome Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Commission

*No citizens present wishing to address the commission. However, Chairperson Burrows had an announcement for the commission. She announced that Marcus Stennis would be resigning from his position with the Village of Flossmoor. Chairperson Burrows along with the commission gave a warm thank you to Marcus for his work during his time with the Village.*

IV. Approval of December 13, 2022 minutes

*Chairperson Burrows called for a motion. Commissioner O'Brien put forth a motion to approve the minutes. Second: Commissioner Cheney. Motion passed by a voice vote.*

V. Financial Report

*There will be a transition time for the commission as they begin work with a new staff liaison. Stephanie Wright will send the commission their financial report via email.*

VI. Strategic Plan for 2022

*Burrows announced that Vice Chairperson Stevenson has developed a Strategic Plan for the commission for 2022 that is to be treated as a working document at this time. Commissioner Lawrence thanked Vice Chairperson Stevenson for the work he's done on the plan and the sentiments were echoed throughout the commission. Vice Chairperson Stevenson referenced the book by author Simon Sinek, **Start with Why**. He encourages the commission to examine the proposed strategic plan through the lens of finding their "why" for 2022. In Section 2 of the Strategic Plan Commissioner Cheney gave his answer to "Where are we now?" He believes as a commission they have acquired a world class sculpture collection and have shown it can be maintained. Commissioner Lawrence mentioned that a place she sees the commission going is toward better community awareness of the program. Chairperson Burrows shared that she knows there are many people in Flossmoor that have no idea the sculpture program exists. She also shared that it's time to diversify the collection in terms of artists. Commissioner O'Brien shared that younger people may take the sculpture program for granted. Is there a way to create an "instagrammable" moment to encourage younger people to take photos. Vice Chairperson Stevenson said that a place he would like to see the commission go is toward making sure the collection stays within a size the commission can afford to maintain.*

*Commissioner Lawrence mentioned that we need to secure a strategy for where the sculptures should be placed. There should also be a plan for advertising or reviving Otocast.*

*In regards to resources and marketing Vice Chairperson Stevenson said we need to create a social media calendar and publicize on enews and social media. Vice Chairperson Stevenson also mentioned that The Nate at Governor's State University comes across unique opportunities. Are those same opportunities available for this commission in regards to acquiring a sculpture that may be coming off of display for conservation purposes and could be given to Flossmoor on loan. Commissioner Cheney has spoken to Homewood Flossmoor Art teacher, Greg Petecki. HF is not in the position at this time to create a new sculpture. The pandemic has been incredibly tough on the art program. There was additional discussion surrounding HF and their Art History class and the possibility of learning about conservation of art pieces. The commission plans to continue their work on the 2022 Strategic Plan.*

#### VII. Rotational Program Updates

- a. Sculpture updates going before the board. Stephanie to work with Marcus to create a presentation packet for the Village of Flossmoor Board of Trustees that would include the moving of several sculptures.*
- b. There are no new sculpture applications at this time.*
- c. Sculptures that will be leaving the rotation are as follows: **See attached document.** Chairperson Burrows asked for a motion to approach the board and request the movement of the sculptures. The motion was put forth by Commissioner Cheney with a second by Commissioner O'Brien and the motion passed with roll call vote.*

#### VIII. 60422 Event

*There has been no further news on this topic other than there will be music and a unique opportunity to highlight each commission. The plan will be presented at the January board meeting for 60422 and the commission will learn more after the board meeting.*

#### IX. Fundraising Projects

*The commission expressed a great interest in gathering clear information on how donations from the water bill are gathered? Advertised? Was the new message on the water bill? Can the commission change the amounts requested as donations to \$5, \$10, \$15 increments? The board would like a history of how much has been raised over the years. Chairperson Burrows would like to know which neighborhoods are more prone to donate? Stephanie has committed to gather this information and report back to the commission.*

#### X. Marketing

*In regards to marketing Vice Chairperson Stevenson said the commission should consider creating a social media calendar and publicize on enews and social media.*

#### XI. Old Business

- a. Earth Day and International Sculpture Day. Stephanie to ask the Green Commission and Community Relations Commission if they would be interested in an annual commission wide meeting. Is there an opportunity for the Art Commission and Green*

- Commission to have a combined project for Earth Day and International Sculpture Day. Commissioner Cheney said this would be a great way to raise awareness and Commissioner O'Brien added that engagement is needed on all levels.*
- b. Vice Chairperson Stevenson shared the document outlining the "walking path" featuring the sculptures in and around downtown Flossmoor. The commission agreed to consider calling this the Flossmoor Sculpture Art Experience.*
  - c. Brick and Bench installations will happen in the spring. Vice Chairperson Stevenson suggested advertising that the brick sales are the reason the sculpture "Survivor" was able to be repaired and restored. Public perception may be that the Village pays for restoration and conservation which is not the case. Would it be possible for the commission to have the names of people that purchased a brick and mail them a thank you note from the commission? Stephanie agreed this was a lovely idea and would confirm this is possible. Would it be possible to have a campaign that advertises 100 bricks before 100<sup>th</sup> birthday?*
  - d. Leavitt park redevelopment does not have an update.*
  - e. February meeting date is February 21, 2022*
  - f. There is no update to the Flossmoor Veteran Project*

## **XII. New Business**

- a. 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary discussion is tabled for now.*
- b. Vice Chairperson Stevenson mentioned the name of a possible commissioner, Flossmoor resident, Jeanne Miller.*

## **XIII. Adjournment**

*Chairperson Burrows called for a motion to be made to adjourn. Vice chairperson Stevenson brought forth the motion and Commissioner Cheney second. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm*

Next Meeting: February 21, 2022