

Village of Flossmoor
Public Art Commission
Committee Room

MINUTES
April 10, 2023

This Meeting was also made available over Zoom.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

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

Absent: none

III. Welcome Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Commission

Ken and Mary Gherling were present

IV. Approval of March 13, 2023, minutes Commissioner Burrows called for a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Lawrence brought the motion. Commissioner O'Brien second. Motion passed by roll call vote.

V. Strategic Plan

a. Membership:

The commission entered into a discussion regarding filling the vacancy on the commission. Commissioner Burrows mentioned that she believed the commission would expand to 9 members. Stephanie to investigate.

VI. Flossmoor Public Art

- a. Permanent Collection: Edge of Awakening has been defaced. Commissioner O'Brien to try and repair the piece using very fine grit sandpaper. The commission noted that park district-owned benches have also been defaced. Stephanie will let the park district know about the defaced benches. Commissioner Burrows spoke to a woodworker at the new resident event. The commission is wondering if it would be allowed to have a volunteer work on a piece of sculpture that the Village owns. Specifically, could a woodworker work on the base of Minions? Could this happen under the direction of Public Works? Would our volunteer waiver cover the woodworker and/or a park visitor should someone get injured? Stephanie to investigate and report back.

b. Rotational Program:

The commission has tasked Stephanie with creating a maintenance schedule for all the collection pieces.

-schedule, arrivals, departure: Stephanie has spoken with Terry Karpowicz. His pieces are due to leave the collection in June of 2023. The commission is interested in a few options with regard to these pieces.

-Keep the pieces in the collection and have Mr. Karpowicz repair them onsite.

-Have the pieces leave the collection at the end of the contract.

-Have Mr. Karpowicz apply with a new piece for the collection.

-Stephanie reported that she met with HF teacher, Greg Petecki about the collaboration between HF and the Public Art Commission. Mr. Petecki reported that he is interested in creating a diamond-shaped sculpture as that is the symbol for a centennial and the Village will celebrate its centennial in 2024. Of the three options Mr. Petecki sent Stephanie, the Commission liked the piece with the gem shape as a stand-alone.

-prospects:

The Commission will present Mr. Dubreille's piece at the May 1 board meeting. This piece is proposed to be installed in the Argyle traffic circle.

The Commission is interested in the piece by Mr. Hubert Phipps titled Paradise. There was some discussion as to where this piece would be installed. The grassy area in Leavitt Park owned by the Village and an area near the library were both brought up for discussion.

Commissioner Stevenson to inspect this area and report back.

Mr. and Mrs. Gherling mentioned that there is an area in Heather Hill that may be a good candidate for a sculpture. The location they discussed is near the McFarlane traffic circle. The Commission to investigate this area.

- c. Other Public Art: Commissioner Lawrence returned to the idea of a projection installation. The commission wondered if this would be an opportunity to partner with Homewood Flossmoor High School. A pop-up art show was also briefly discussed.
- d. Commissioner Burrows would like the commission to review the Village website regarding the Art Commission.
- e. Otocast: none

VII. Fundraising Projects:

- a. *Water bill updates and discussion of how to promote: Stephanie shared that the commission can't have a fillable form on the website as people must come in to sign an authorization form for money to be added to their account as a donation for the Public Art Commission. Commissioner Lawrence wondered if people could fill out the form at events. Stephanie to investigate.*
- b. *Marketing; The commission finetuned the message that will go into the summer newsletter.*
- c. *2023 Fundraising ideas: no new information*

VIII. Old Business

- a. *Walking Path: none*
- b. *Brick and Bench updates: two new benches were sold*
- c. *Curriculum for Schools- Out of time to discuss (to be on May agenda)*
- d. *Review of New Resident Event- Out of time to discuss (to be on May agenda)*

IX. New Business

- a. *The next walking tour was discussed briefly with a target date of June. We will firm this up at the May board meeting.*

b. *Out of time to discuss any other new business*

XI. *Adjournment: Commissioner Burrows called for a motion to close the meeting. Commissioner Stevenson so moved, and Commissioner O'Brien seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.*

Next Meeting: May 8, 2023