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MINUTES CITY OF COVINGTON ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, March 13, 2014

**Council Chambers, City Hall
16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington**

CALL TO ORDER

Sandy Bisordi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandy Bisordi, Gini Cook, Ed White, Lesli Cohan, Aunna Moriarty and Jonathan Combs. Motion was made to excuse Leslie Spero; all approved.

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Pat Patterson

Angie Feser, Parks Planner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ed moved to approve agenda with the addition of Sandy's report from the SoCoCulture meeting she attended; seconded by Lesli; all approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ed moved to approve February meeting minutes with the addition of Sandy Bisordi as co-exhibitor for September; seconded by Sandy; all approved.

CITIZEN/GUEST/STAFF COMMENTS

Angie presented a timeline of parks planning, including a map showing current and proposed public parks spaces, and an overview of the Covington Community plan, highlighting the elements that are intended for Phase II. It was gratifying to the Commission that Angie is on the same page with the desire for artful solutions to standard park elements. She encouraged us to attend the two open house meetings to be held from 5-6 on Wednesday, March 19th, and Tuesday, March 25th and speak up for "art in the park."

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- **STUDENT ART SHOW:** Sandy reported that all the art got put up. It needs to be taken down at the end of the month and returned to City Hall by Monday, March 31st. Ed shared the certificate presented by Mayor Harto proclaiming March as Student Art Month. Sandy mentioned that with the improved communication with the schools and docents regarding

the location of the student art, and based on the underwhelming attendance at the reception on March 3rd, perhaps we should consider foregoing the reception in the future.

- **PUBLIC ART:** Ed shared the schematic he did for the placement and dimensions of the proposed sculptural piece for the Aquatic Center based on the site visit he and Gini made. Ed also reported that he and Pat had met with Robert Meyers, City Building Official from Community Development regarding the anchorage system, coming to the conclusion that 4 bolts would suffice. It was decided, based partly on that meeting, that an outside engineering firm should be commissioned to design the anchorage but that City personnel should install it. Pat also mentioned that he had talked with the City Attorney about insurance with the result that the piece should be insured by the artist, but that the City's insurance would cover damage or accident caused by the piece falling, etc. Having an outside source design the anchorage strengthens the City's position for insurance purposes. Pat suggested that Salina Lyons would be a good source for more information on placement of art around the city, including logistical concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

Sandy reported on the SoCoCulture meeting she attended on 3/12. There was an interesting presentation on art for people with disabilities and challenges, including blindness and deafness. The group spent a few minutes bouncing around ideas about art with auditory elements.

CITIZEN/COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

GROUP MEMORY

Group Memory was approved by all Commission members.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.