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Meeting Minutes Public Art Commission

Thursday, September 26, 2019

4:30 PM

5th Floor Conferenece Room of City Hall

Call to Order

Roll Call

Present -- 5 - * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, * Commissioner Gary Flowers, * Commissioner Matthew Spahr, * Commissioner Amber Esseiva and * Commissioner Ashley Kistler

Absent -- 5 - * Commissioner Mark Olinger, * Commissioner Charles Piper, * Commissioner Andrea Almond, * Commissioner Ana Edwards and * Commissioner Anne Fletcher

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes was tabled as there was not a quorum; one Commissioner recused himself because he was absent at the July meeting.

This was deferred

Secretary's Report

Thanks to Ashley Kistler and Matt Spahr for their extensive work installing the Civil Rights exhibition in the Lobby of City Hall, there were approximately 125 guests—including the Mayor—at the exhibition reception on Sept 24. The exhibition has received significant press and the response from City Hall visitors and staff have been extremely positive.

The PAC's interest in serving as a resource in the development of the Shockoe Bottom Small Area Master Plan was shared with Sal Musarra, a consultant with Kimley-Horn, hired by the City to lead that planning process. Another meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-October to further explore the most effective role for the PAC in the process.

A public presentation on the City's Public Art Program was made to members of the Museum District Association located in Voter District 1. They expressed a keen interest in having some public art introduced into their community, specifically mentioning traffic calming measures throughout the neighborhood and in the green area on Broad Street near Malvern.

The Sacred Ground Historical Reclamation Project is hosting several events this fall. Since the PAC has expressed strong interest in considering the Sacred Ground area as a location for an upcoming PAC commission, some members of the PAC may want to attend one or two of these events:

Oct 8: 17th Annual Gabriel Forum at the African Burial Ground, 6:00-7:30

Oct 10: Brother General Gabriel, a commissioned dance performance by MK Abadoo, at

the African Burial Ground, 6:00-8:45

Dec 7: Truth and Conciliation in the 400th Year: a Shockoe Bottom Public History Symposium, co-sponsored by the Library of Virginia, at the Library of Virginia, 9:00-4:00

Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

Ashley reported that the search for an artist to fill the last vacancy on the PAC is on-going. There are several viable candidates still on the list which Ashley and Susan will be pursuing in the near future.

Ed Trask, one of the founders of the RVA Street Art Festival has agreed to let a representative of the PAC sit on the planning committee for the project. This will let the PAC have a voice in the selection of artists and projects before final decisions are put in front of the PAC for consideration and recommendation to the Planning Commission later this fall. Matt Spahr has agreed to take on that representative role.

Conversations with Altria have restarted re: the installation of the RVA Public Art Collection piece by Coloratura that was on temporary view at the Branch Museum last year and now needs a new home.

REGULAR AGENDA

1 [PAC 2019-004](#) James River Association Project

Justine Doyle, representing the James River Association, presented a proposal to paint a total of seven storm drain murals dispersed among three locations adjacent to the Main Branch Library, the Westover Hills Branch Library, and the East End Branch Library. This year's project will use the image of Ripple the Library Otter, mascot of Richmond Public Libraries. The James River Association is working with Art on Wheels—a non-profit RVA arts organization—to create a stencil of Ripple that volunteers will use to paint the storm drains. In addition, each image will include the message, "Your river starts here. Only rain in the drain."

A motion was made by Matt with the contingency that the James River Association use a more suitable, non-toxic paint than the proposed Montana Black spray paint; seconded by Amber Esseiva and unanimously approved by the Commissions.

Aye -- 4 - Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy, Commissioner Matthew Spahr, Commissioner Amber Esseiva and Commissioner Ashley Kistler

2 Future PAC Projects Discussion

Discussion of future PAC projects was tabled due to low attendance and the magnitude of the discussion that is required to define the major activities of the PAC moving forward.

OTHER BUSINESS

Adjournment

Commission Chair Kistler adjourned the meeting at 5:15