



PAC MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2023

- I. **Meeting of the Public Arts Commission call to order** held on January 9, 2023 held at the Palos Heights Library 7:15p.m. Present were Maria DeCaprio-Sunta , Vanessa Sunta, Sue DeKoker, Tara Oosterbaan and Lynda Schiappa.
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Motion to approve December minutes by Lynda Schiappa 2nd by Tara Oosterbaan.
- III. **Old Business**
 - a. Lights in the Heights review:
 - Refreshments - Discussion of finding a different group to provide refreshments for the day after Thanksgiving event, some possible ideas could be using a pop up 10'x10' white tent festively decorated and getting a local group to sell hot beverages and snacks.
 - Additional Piece – Discussion of exploring the addition of another light display piece, commissioners were asked to review the pieces online and come back with suggestions, the Star, Snowman and Tree were mentioned as some of the favorites, Maria will get pricing. Also, a conversation about Tinley Parks Amaze Light Festival was presented by Maria.
 - Review – It was agreed that we would focus our efforts on a 1-day event, for the day after Thanksgiving. Efforts will be made to have multiple groups lined up for a continuous performances event. Adding a brass/jazz band, was suggested Lynda will reach out to the area high schools as well as Moraine Valley. Need to improve our advertising, suggestions to reach out to the area schools to be included in their October and November newsletters. Getting a story in the Regional and Trib Local, as well as an interview on Channel four and going to a City Council meeting to help raise more public awareness. It was also discussed to have a photographer with instant photos on sight, Tara will reach out to Tom Killoran Potography/ Lauren Kennedy Voras. Having a Santa Claus at the event was another suggestion, Sue will reach out to the “Real Beard Santa”. Discussion to possibly relocate the community decorated trees to make them more inclusive with the light display. It was suggested they run parallel with the bike path on the east side of the gazebo and have Christmas tree lot lights strung as they were when at the Art Garden. Another idea was Vanessa to reach out to mackglass.com, as seen at the Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, Wisconsin where creator Jason Mack created the world’s tallest glass blown tree, with community donated wine and pickle glass bottles/jar. The tree is then dismantled and the glass is upcycled into ornaments.
 - Tara and Sue will reach out to Ashley at the beginning of July to get information on the Com Ed Grant “Powering the Holidays” to apply.
 - b. Reflections: Kathy has arranged for the Reflections Mural to be reinforced and rehung the canvas tiles. Unfortunately, a handful were damaged and will need to be replaced with new ones.

- c. Budget: Lynda reported that we were approved for a \$10,000.00 budget.

IV. New Business

- a. Volunteer Recognition Wall – Maria has been working with the Mayor to create a permanent “Volunteer Recognition” display wall to be located in the vestibule at the entrance of City Hall.
- b. Amanda’s Dedication Plaque – Maria discussed that she was approached by Ken Bussey that the plaque from Amanda’s Mural was stolen. Maria will contact Ken Cooper at Architectural Bronze.
- c. Discussion for a new mural - Lynda will approach the owner of Pete’s market for the possibility of doing a mural on the west wall of the mall, to bring art to the west side of Palos Heights. Examples of muralists where those done in New Buffalo – Katelynn Lewis and in Culver, IN and the Story Wall Company.
- d. Noral Jewelers Wall – Lynda will reach out to Public Works and to Noral Jewelers wall to determine what steps need to be taken to get the wall repaired. Tuckpointing and painting is needed.

V. Miscellaneous

- a. Little Turtle Get Lost - Will be reinstalled at Lake Katherine in April with the addition of way finding signs from the club house back to the children’s garden. Lynda will reach out to Gareth to discuss as to where we can place the signs.

- VI. **Request to adjourn** meeting by Vanessa Sunta, so moved by Sue DeKoker, and seconded by Maria DeCaprio- Sunta. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda Schiappa