

PAC MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2023

- I. **The meeting of the Public Arts Commission** was called to order Monday, February 13, 2023 at the Palos Heights Library at 7:15pm. In attendance were Maria DeCaprio-Sunta, Susan DeKoker, Tara Oosterbaan, Lynda Schiappa. Absent: Vanessa Sunta
- II. **Approval of minutes:**
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes by Maria DeCaprio-Sunta, 2nd by Tara Oosterbaan
- III. **Old Business**
 - a. Lights in the Heights review
 - i. As much as the group appreciated 'Not Your Mama's food truck', it was decided that \$6 for a cup of hot chocolate was out of range for families in attendance. The decision is that we should reach out to local groups about hosting hot chocolate and popcorn under Lynda's tent. Lynda will check with Sertoma/Lions. Tara will check with her contacts as well
 - ii. Santa information: Real Beard Santa is \$150 per hour. Kathy will check with her Santa connection, Gary V and Tara will check with the Ishnala Santa in order to find a less expensive Santa.
 - iii. Maria has contacted the new Palos Heights fire chief in hopes of having a fire truck available for Santa to sit in and have visits with the children.
 - iv. Carriage rides were discussed and tabled for maybe 2024. Also for 2024, perhaps Mack Glass temporary art glass installation.
 - v. Tara spoke with Tom Killoran Photos. They would set up a photo opportunity spot with the current 'frame'. Photos would be instantly processed at the cost of \$15 each. Tara will check on the size. PAC would subsidize the cost of the photos not to exceed \$500. Sue will contact Quality Photo about including a discount coupon for personalized items.
 - vi. Tara will contact local Scouts and the Ishnala groups about singing
 - vii. Lynda will contact local high schools and junior highs about singing
 - viii. The event will take place one night only Friday, Nov 24th (day after Thanksgiving) 5 – 8 pm
 - b. Reflections Mural Update
 - i. Kathy and Sue replaced the canvas squares, there are 6 open spots. 2 canvases will be repaired by Maria, 1 new canvas will be made by Kathy. Three new blanks will be included. Tara will reach out to see if she knows anyone interested in making a square.
 - c. Budget – nothing new. As reported last month the PAC budget is \$10,000
 - d. Volunteer Recognition Wall
 - i. The recognition wall has been delivered and installed in the entrance vestibule of City Hall. Maria and Jack Sunta helped to paint the vestibule. The City of Palos Heights will present the wall at a city council meeting TBA. The inviting of honorees, guests and notables should be done by Ashley Pala at city hall.
- IV. **Approval of Bills**
 - a. No new bills presented. Moving forward all payment requests should be emailed, with a scanned copy of the receipt, to Jan Covin and copied to Adam Jasinski. This should prevent the snafu which occurred when payment for bills submitted by Sue and Vanessa were paid to Maria. Maria sent payment to Sue and Vanessa. No bills are outstanding at this time.
- V. **New Business**
 - a. The north wall of Noral Jewelers is in poor repair and could result in damaging the Treasures of Palos Heights mural. Lynda and Sue are meeting with Adam to discuss the sculpture maintenance and will bring this issue up at their Feb 16 meeting. It is private property so any repairs are out of the hands of the city and PAC.
 - b. The lighting at the base of the Butterfly sculpture in Community Park needs to be increased/adjusted/cleared of plant material. At present it does not illuminate well at night.
 - c. The missing plaque at 'Through Amanda's Eyes' has become a mystery. Architectural Bronze has no record of every having made the plaque; we are at a dead end as to a replacement. Perhaps Edward Jones, who initially commissioned the work, will purchase a replacement.

- d. A new modern sculpture was discussed. Maria has a contact for a colorful object for perhaps in front of city hall visible from Route 83. Tara also gave the contact information for Sharon at the Indiana Bridge Collective as a possible artist. 317-362-8104
- e. The Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau is hosting Tourism Grant Writing Workshop via Zoom on Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 9 - 10:30am Sue will attend. Maybe Tara and Lynda as well.

VI. Banner Revisions

- a. Adam has requested the PAC banners along Harlem Ave be simplified and the number increased to total 12 banners.
 - b. Vanessa will redesign each banner with fewer but bolder graphics and also include banners highlighting: soccer, baseball, swimming and the Car Classic.
 - c. Members of PAC will be on hand when Public Works installs the banners in the Spring to aid in best placement
- VII. Request to adjourn the meeting made by Lynda Schiappa, seconded by Sue DeKoker. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Susan DeKoker