

**Shorewood Public Art Committee**  
Minutes of January 6, 2021

PAC Members: Diane Buck, Jesse Chehak, Ellie Rabinowitz, Eve Sappenfield, and Kenneth Vondenberg.

Advisory Member: Dick Eschner

Village Board Liaison: Jessica Carpenter

Guest: Rod Dow

Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, February 3, at 8:30 AM via Zoom

Diane Buck called the January meeting to order via Zoom. The December 2 minutes were approved.

Diane introduced Kenneth Vonderberg and Jesse Chehak to the Public Arts Committee continuing members who are Diane, Ellie Rabinowitz, and Eve Sappenfield. As background for new members, Dick Eschner gave a brief history of the PAC beginning with his being the founding member and chairman to the present time. Major projects have been the installation of the Jaume Plensa sculpture in Atwater Park (2010), three Plein Air Art events (2014, 2015, and 2016), the Ghost Train (2016), and Signaling History (2020). (All were financed by private sponsors.) Ken and Jesse then gave us summaries of their backgrounds and association with Shorewood.

At past meetings, we have discussed our desire to include John O'Hara's third panel on his signal box, as he originally intended. It completes his history of Shorewood High School theme and shows a current more diversified school. Diane told us that the third panel will be delayed because Confluence can apply it only after the temperature is above 50 degrees. In a brief discussion of financing, it was decided that we have enough money in the Shorewood Foundation to do it.

Ellie Rabinowitz has obtained a key for the Ghost Train control box and has used it to reset data processors, but unfortunately, some strands of lights are still not burning. Ellie indicated that Signify, the company working with the light system, is working hard, but needs more day-to-day data to locate the problem. Jessica Carpenter pointed out the need for a more systematic way for citizens to report problems. After the lighting system warranty expires on 10/31/23, we will need a maintenance contract. The sound warranty has run out, but sound has been a more infrequent problem and has responded to resetting.

Next we discussed map and brochure distribution for Signaling History. Tyler Burkhart, Asst. Village Mgr., is following up on Rod Dow's suggestion for putting information on Shorewood's website. Jennifer Anderson is writing an article in the summer edition of Shorewood Today. Jessica suggested we should include a removable map. Jesse Chehak made an excellent suggestion that we not rely only on paper, but also use a QR Code that can be scanned to get phone based information and a link to a map printout. The QR Code can be put directly on the Signal boxes.

We ended with a brief discussion of Ellie's original idea, that we should broaden our committee to include not only visual arts, but other performance arts. The committee agreed. Ellie pointed out that it would give us flexibility and be less expensive.

The meeting was adjourned.

