

Shorewood Public Art Committee
Minutes of July 7, 2021

PAC Members: Diane Buck, Debra Medin, Ellie Rabinowitz, Eve Sappenfield, Kenneth Vonderberg, and Kevin Weber
Advisory Members: Dick Eschner
Next PAC Meeting: September 1, at 8:30 AM

Diane Buck called the July meeting to order. The June 2 meeting minutes were approved.

Ellie Rabinowitz addressed the Ghost Train's current audio problems. Higher sounds are missing, causing it to no longer sound like a train. The audio portion was installed by Clearwing Productions. Ellie spoke to Clearwing, and they seemed to indicate that they are still willing to work on sound problems, but not the integration or overall effect in which they were not originally involved. Diane reiterated the need for responses to the RFP's completed by Dick Eschner. Ellie has done an excellent job of documenting and reporting problems. Diane, Dick, and Ellie will meet with the Village Manager, Rebecca Ewald. Ultimately, it is the PAC Committee's responsibility, but we need the contractors to do the necessary work, and also, maintenance contracts for future problems. The lighting is still under warranty (until 10/31/2023), and the PAC has funds to use for other repairs.

Dick verified that the description of the Village of Shorewood Public Arts Program, dated 1/3/2019, is based on a State of Wisconsin model.

Diane reported that she had spoken to Katelin Watson, Shorewood High School Communications & Advancement Specialist, about a potential mural project, and she was enthusiastic. The school will make decisions about placement and student involvement, but the PAC could help with getting a coordinator and fund raising.

Ken Vonderberg was asked to discuss the Shorewood Artists Guild's participation in a possible future Arts Festival. He said that his organization was definitely interested. He also explained that the new Artisan Market beginning in Shorewood is a distinctly separate organization from the Guild, and emphasizes crafts along with fine arts. A concern of his is the avoidance of commercialism. Ellie said she felt the festival should be not only visual arts, but also include performing arts. She feels supporting local artists is of utmost importance.

In lieu of a meeting in August, Diane announced a PAC social event to be held at 5:30 PM on August 5 in Hubbard Park's Beer Garden. It will be an opportunity to visit and thank some important participants for the valuable support they have given to this committee.

Meeting adjourned.