

Shorewood Public Art Committee

Minutes of August 2, 2023

PAC Members Present: Ellie Rabinowitz, Anna Coffaro, Laura Huebner

Others present: Assistant Village Manager Chris Anderson

PAC Members Absent: Ken Vonderberg, Deb Medin, two vacancies

Next PAC Meeting: September 6, 2023, at 8:30 AM

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35am

2. Consider approval of July 5, 2023 meeting minutes.

Laura moved to approve, seconded by Anna and the motion carried 3-0.

3. Update on Ghost Train status

Ellie reported conditions for the Ghost Train are maintaining, and there are no other issues emerging. Former members of the Public Art Committee and donors to the Ghost Train are pushing for more frequency of the display. In a recent meeting with "Light the Hoan" group, it was discovered they have similar components of the Ghost Train, but not everything. The Wisconsin DOT was supposed to take ownership of this light asset after the installation, but Light the Hoan became a non-profit to maintain their bridge light infrastructure. A potential partnership with Light the Hoan could be good because it could be a good alternative due to better negotiated pricing for maintenance contracts than Main Stage or Signify. Ellie mentioned an idea of the previous donors investigating an idea to set up a non-profit for the Ghost Train similar to Light the Hoan and additional longer term discussions will be underway.

4. Discussion of Arts festival.

Ellie reported Colleen is interested in coming back to discuss feedback on the RFP and questions for the potential "day of" service provider. Event schedule will be based on a November 2024 event. Subcommittee will meet to talk through the questions and RFP format. Targeting a meeting with the Arts Festival subcommittee before the next Public Art committee meeting.

5. Discuss Other Old/New Business.

Signaling History discussion: Ellie discussed locating the profiles of all the artists that were originally to be featured and has put together a document of contact information for each artist. The invitation letter to acknowledge the artists was reviewed and discussed to try to settle on a date for a Saturday/Sunday. Anna discussed the idea of a new art initiative similar to hearts and butterflies to leverage the arts festival to keep art front of mind for Shorewood residents. AVM Anderson asked for the potential to delay the September meeting by one week since he will be out of the office.

6. Adjournment.

Anna moved to adjourn, seconded by Laura and the motion passed 3-0. The committee adjourned at 9:28am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Chris Anderson, Assistant Village Manager