

Shorewood Public Art Committee
Minutes of September 1, 2021

PAC Members: Diane Buck, Debra Medin, Ellie Rabinowitz, Eve Sappenfield, Kenneth Vonderberg, and Kevin Weber
Advisory Members: Pat Algiers
Next PAC Meeting: October 6, at 8:30 AM

Diane Buck called the meeting to order via Zoom. The July 7 meeting minutes were approved.

Pat Algiers began a discussion of changes to improve the facade and immediate surroundings of the building at the corner of Capitol Drive and Oakland Avenue. A new company has bought the property and is interested in improving its appearance and energy efficiency. They are working with Pat Algiers' company, Chemistry in Place, and have asked for input from the Public Art Committee. The south side of the building will have solar panels for energy production. A light projection installation is planned for the north side. The discussion today centered on the west side facing Oakland. It currently has a curved white metal structure added as an enhancement by the architect. A majority of the PAC felt that it did not enhance the building and should be removed.

For replacement ideas, Ken Vonderberg suggested Denim Park (Water and Pleasant St.). It has concrete structures with metal enhancements, vines and planters that work well together. Eve Sappenfield suggested incorporating a sculpture (perhaps like examples at the Lynden Sculpture Garden). Ellie Rabinowitz pointed out that a tree or a pergola with vines could provide shade for people waiting for the bus. Moving away from the western facade, Ellie suggested a possible mural in the parking lot, bio-swills, and other "greening" structures and plants. The AT&T office building nearby has a wall that might also accommodate a mural.

Diane thanked everyone who came to the August gathering in Hubbard Park where we were pleased to honor Diane DeWindt Hall and Dick Eschner for their large contributions to the success of the PAC.

Ellie discussed the ongoing efforts to make the Ghost Train more reliably functional. Kevin Power is willing to repair and replace nodes that are not working, if they are identified. Ellie asked Marty Peck (the original designer) to help, and he indicated that he would, but would charge \$200/hour. Ken said that from his experience as an architect, Marty having specified the components is responsible. Ellie is looking into learning the program. She and Diane will talk.

Diane will call Confluence about Signal Box QR code's.

Jessie Chehak needs brief bios (about six lines) from PAC members who have not turned one in.

An Arts Festival is still a possible future PAC event, maybe a year from now. Various members had ideas about places and format. Diane suggested the Shark Tank, Shorewood Foundation event to get money to pay a coordinator. Eve suggested Jenny Heyden, who directed Plein Air in the past, as a possible coordinator.

Meeting was adjourned.

