

Minutes
City of Asbury Park
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
Regular Meeting
February 16, 2021, 6:04-7:21 PM

1. Open Public Meeting Act Announcement -As read by Chairwoman Hampton
2. Roll Call -All members were present. Michele Alonso, Mary Eileen Fouratt, Michelle Gladden, Sancha Gray, Jennifer Hampton, Malcom Navias, Amy Quinn, Marilyn Schlossbach, Michael Sodano, Surojanie Sugrim (alt. 1), Charles Trott (alt 2)
3. Minutes Adopted. Vote: Michele Alonso, Mary Eileen Fouratt, Michelle Gladden, Sancha Gray, Jennifer Hampton, Malcom Navias, Amy Quinn, Marilyn Schlossbach, Michael Sodano
4. New Business
 1. Selection of artist for Spring mural on Cookman Avenue -Michele Alonso will email the 4 previously selected artists to visit the site, submit new renderings for the whole wall and partial wall. Submissions shall be due in the beginning of March and the Commission will hold a special meeting if needed to select an artist so work can begin in early Spring. Jenn will have the wall prepped for a new artist.
 2. Art funding referendum -Michelle Gladden and Michael Sodano gave an update. The Asbury Park Arts Council is unable to secure funding from a nonprofit donor they asked because the donor found the ask for the survey too political in nature. They will explore other options such as a door to door survey prefaced by a social media blast. Amy Quinn will see if she is able to access databases through the Asbury Park Democrats or through the political campaign program VAN. In addition, the Art Council and the Commission will look at ways to reach a diverse group of people through social media blasts, contacting church groups and contacting community organizations. The Art Council will report back to the city after their next strategy meeting.
 3. “Fanning Floating and Flying” by Howard Schoor to be hung in Kennedy Park- The Public Art Commission unanimously voted for the project as submitted and without lights to have a limited run in Kennedy Park.
 4. Subcommittee reports

Michelle Gladden submitted a report for the Best Practices subcommittee of Mary Eileen Fouratt, Sancha Gray and Michelle Gladden. She looked at Oklahoma City, East Orange, Atlantic City, Boise, Santa Monica, and Lexington

Amy Quinn requested a new subcommittee of Amy Quinn, Michelle Gladden, Jennifer Hampton, Charles Trott and Michele Alonso look into creating portable art boards for the Downtown area. It was requested that artists creating these boards be paid, however, it was reported that the City does not have the funds to pay and that its main goal is to help the downtown. Amy will present the idea to the Municipal Business Committee

Charles Trott and Michelle Gladden presented on a proposal for a seasonal art banner for the stage at Springwood Park. They consulted with Councilwomen Yvonne Clayton and Eileen Chapman on their idea for the banner that would be painted by Middle and High School artists who would receive a paid stipend. The commission agreed with the concept as presented. Michelle Gladden will seek funding with Springwood Avenue Rising. After funding is secured, Charles will develop the design

and present to the Public Art Commission and then to the City's Special Events Committee or directly with the Municipal Council.

Additional Discussion item: The NJ DEP and the NJ Arts Council put out a call for artists to create art with environmental messaging, specifically Climate Change. The deadline to apply is March 8th. Per Jenn Hampton, the NJ Arts Council is specifically looking to add performance art.

5. Public Comment Session. No public comment.

6. Adjournment at 7:21 PM

Submitted by Michele Alonso, Commission Secretary