



AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
ARTS COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
JANUARY 31, 2024
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of November 29, 2023 Minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Plein Air Art Event
3. Venable Park Memorial Jury Update
4. Sculpture on the Move 2024

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

ADJOURNMENT

Posted by: _____

Date/Time posted: _____

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Committee Chair Robert Morrissey - Present
Committee Vice Chair Sara Friedman - Present
Committee Member Elizabeth Bockius - Present
Committee Member Lisa Hilton - Present
Committee Member Nan Kulkarni - Present
Committee Member Linda Kusmer - Present
Committee Member Scott Saunders - Absent

Council Liaison Sari Neudorf - Present
Staff Liaison Melissa Bradford - Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of October 25, 2023 Minutes

RESULT: Motion to approve October 25, 2023, minutes

MOVER: Kulkarni

SECONDER: Kusmer

AYES: Robert Morrissey, Sara Friedman, Elizabeth Bockius, Lisa Hilton, Nan Kulkarni, Linda Kusmer

NAYS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Plein Air Painting Competition

Nan Kulkarni stated she attended the recent Parks & Historic Preservation Committee to share the event proposal, and the PHP Committee members seemed interested. However, the city does not have any fall weekend events that could be hosted in tandem with the painting competition. Nan Kulkarni asked if Lisa Hilton could be a point of contact to get judges for the event due to her membership with the St. Louis Artist Guild, to which she agreed. Nan Kulkarni stated the next steps include picking a date, presenting the proposal to the City Council, then beginning fundraising and finding judges.



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Lisa Hilton provided a summary of other cities who host plein air events, stating she heard that artists are drawn to events with good prize money, multi-day events, and events that care about the artists.

The Committee discussed possible dates for the event and recommended holding the event reception in tandem with the first summer concert of the year (held on a Thursday). Participants could get their canvas stamped the week prior.

Melissa Bradford and Nan Kulkarni agreed to work together to develop a proposal for the committee to review before presenting to the City Council.

3. Venable Park Memorial Jury Update

Linda Kusmer provided an update stating the City Council approved the recommendation of the Venable Park Memorial Jury. The approved artwork was titled "Home in Sight." The city will be seeking an additional \$25,000 in donations to cover project costs. Linda Kusmer stated it was unclear who would be doing the fundraising, whether it would be the jury or task force. Nan Kulkarni asked when the artwork would be installed. Melissa Bradford stated installation was currently projected for 2025.

4. Three Sculptures by Shawn Burkhard

Melissa Bradford stated she emailed the Public Works Department earlier that day requesting a cost estimate for relocating the three sculptures to Conway Park. Robert Morrissey stated he would like the Committee to establish a template for city sculpture plaques, and asked if any other members would like to volunteer to help with this. Sara Friedman reiterated that the goal is for the plaques to look different from the Sculpture on the Move plaques.

Robert Morrissey stated the Burkhard sculptures do not elevate the city's art collection, in his opinion, and it would be better stewardship to return or sell the sculptures and use the money to fund future public art. Liz Bockius suggested the city let the artist know first before selling the sculptures. Melissa Bradford stated she would confirm whether the city can sell the sculptures.

NEW BUSINESS



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5. Sculpture on the Move 2024

Melissa Bradford explained the upcoming Sculpture on the Move schedule. Artists submissions will be due January 14th, the packet of submitted sculptures will become available on January 22nd, and cities will be meeting to select their sculptures on February 13th. The Committee agreed to reschedule the January meeting from January 24th to January 31st in order to better accommodate this schedule.

Linda Kusmer stated she heard a resident compliment the "Symbiosis" sculpture currently installed at LaVerne Collins Park.

Melissa Bradford stated she would ask the artist of the "To Bee or Not To Bee" sculpture to re-install their sculpture so that it is centered. The artist will be in town this spring to collect their sculpture currently installed at Dielmann.

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

Robert Morrissey stated that the letters on the Little Art Gallery sign are hard to read and suggested the letters be darker. Lisa Hilton agreed to check the lettering on the sign.

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

Melissa Bradford stated the next meeting will be Wednesday, January 31, 2024, and the appreciation event is on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

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