

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Public Arts Commission**

September 10, 2018

(Corrected)

I. Call to order 1:20 p.m. - J. Hanley, M. DeCaprio-Sunta, and L. Schiappa were present. V. Sunta, absent. Meeting was held at the Palos Heights Public Library.

II. Maria motioned to approve the August minutes and John seconded. Motion carried.

III. Old Business

A. Butterfly Sculpture Update - Maria reported that she has been in contact with Matthew Placzek of Placzek Studios in Omaha, NE regarding the commission of a 10-ft. sculpture made of metal with orange acrylic panels that represents two Monarch butterflies in flight. The cost is \$22,000 plus shipping and a plan to acquire the funds between the period of 2018-19 was discussed:

- \$5000 - 1st payment from Public Arts Budget

- \$7000 - 2nd payment from Bruce & Dorteia Nawara, donation

- \$7000 - 3rd payment request to Beautification Committee and part payment from Public Arts Commission 2019 budget. Maria will attend the BC meeting on September 27 to present request.

Lynda is going to contact Scott Smith of Public Works regarding the 2018 budget allocation before we can proceed. (see inset picture on Page 2)

B. Graffiti Artists for Underpasses - Lynda contacted Mary Steltzer, Community Service Coordinator at Stagg High School to request students to work on the project of painting the underpasses to earn community service hours. She was given 12 possible students who may like to work on the project from Stagg and Sandburg High Schools. Lynda prepared an outline of the specific things the graffiti work should emanate as well as elements it should not. Lynda will inquire if Public Works could prep the walls with a base coat to save time for the students. Locations are under Southwest Highway, train trussel near Lake Katherine, Harlem Ave, Ridgeland Ave. Mike Leonard of the Parks & Recreation Center has been in communication with Metra, and Scott Smith with IDOT, to acquire permission for this work to be performed. PAC would like to see two of the four locations done before the weather turns cold.

C. Fall Festival in Palos - Maria attended a meeting consisting of the Recreation Center, Lake Katherine, the Library and Public Arts. Each entity outlined the proposed activities and ways to promote the event. Public Arts will be sponsoring a mural on the wall of the cleaners at the municipal lot (east side of Harlem Ave.) A 6-ft butterfly outline will be painted on the wall and community members will be welcome to paint in the sections on two Saturdays in October. John has reached out to an artist, Victoria Lanz, who will paint the butterfly for \$500. PAC has requested an invoice for the work and specifics outlined.

D. Approval of Bills - none

#### IV. New Business

A. Plein air Festival - Maria proposed an event for 2019 - "Paint the Heights" in October 2019 in partnership with Lake Katherine. The goal is to invite 25-30 artists to participate. Preliminary plans will be made to draft a list of artists and a formal wine reception will be planned at Lake Katherine with a bidding component along with an exhibit for the public viewing.

#### V. Miscellaneous

A. Lease Agreement TCC - Pat Sheppard and Lynda Schiappa discussed the need for a new agreement to be prepared by Tom Brown, city lawyer, for the lease of "Tilted Forms" for another 5-year period. The sculpture has resided on the TCC property since 2013.

B. Rep. Sean Morrisson - Maria will contact Mayor Straz to pursue a connection with the representative to inform him of Public Arts and its accomplishments/ presence in Palos Heights.

C. Firehouse Landscaping - Lynda has recruited a volunteer, Scott Imbie, to trim/shape-up the plantings in front of the firehouse on Harlem & 123rd Street.

D. Little Library at Art Garden - John has arranged for a volunteer to put a new roof on the wooden structure due to its worn condition. The artist who originally painted it was unwilling to redo it without compensation. The proper sealing coat was not applied to withstand the weather.

E. John Hanley touched up the wall that Treasure of Palos Heights is located as many of the bricks were chipping. Thank you, John.

F. Media Coverage - The Regional newspaper did a nice story on Anne Farley Gaines, artist, who did the Treasures of Palos Heights. Due to the relocation of the mural, Anne was contacted to repair and freshen-up the mural as well as reseal it. It has been holding up very well to the weather so far.

#### VI. Adjournment 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Maria DeCaprio-Sunta,

Commissioner

