ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMISSION  
September 2, 2020  
6:02 p.m.-7:45 p.m.  
Conference Video Call

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Meeting to begin when quorum is present  
Meeting began at 6:02 pm  
Attendance: Chair Rick Forsman, Vice-Chair Mary Mollicone, Commissioners Amy Cheslin, Vanessa Frazier, Celina Kaur, Laura Noe, George Peck, Rob Niedringhaus, and Brittany Pirtle.  
Guests: Ana Valles, Jesse Jimenez  
Staff: Roberta Bloom, Tony Nguyen

B. Request Volunteer to take notes  
Volunteer was Brittany Pirtle

C. Welcome new program assistant  
Public Art Assistant Tony Nguyen gave an introduction followed by the whole commission giving introductions and meeting newly nominated commissioners Jesse Jimenez and Ana Valles.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes from August 5, 2020 - Action Item  
Two corrections were noted to be made before approval.  
Commissioner Mary Mollicone moved to approve the August minutes 6:26 pm. All commissioners voted to approve.

III. ADOPT MEETING AGENDA

A. Changes to agenda  
Aurora 2020 Places is not available at this time so discussion will not take place. This will be revisited in October meeting.  
Roberta Bloom asked to edit Action Item B from “revisit” to actually review and vote on changes to Dawn Fountain.  
Add discussion about “On the Move 1” sculpture and PowerPoint.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. None

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Elect new Vice Chair  
Amy Cheslin nominated Mary Mollicone. Mary Mollicone accepted. Commission voted to select Mary Mollicone as the acting Vice Chair through December 2020.

B. Review and vote on changes to Dawn Fountain  
The commission voted in January 2020 to approve up to $10,000 for the renovation of Dawn Fountain. Unsettled earth has caused the fountain to not function for over 4 years. The fountain is inconsistent with water conservation efforts by the city. The Artist developed a proposal to replace the water with LED lighting. The AMC will coincidently be adding LED’s to its facade. Total cost for the fountain project is $92,000 with shared contributions for the fountain renovation from Aurora Water for up to $40,000, Parks Recreation and Open Space for $25,000, and Public Works for $25,000. We currently have invested $3,300 for the initial design fee and artist proposal.  
Construction is estimated to be finished by the end of 2020 with installation of the sculpture updates to take place within the first quarter of 2021.
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VI. STAFF REPORT
A. Hiring of new program assistant
   There was a brief recap of the Public Art Assistant’s role and already completed tasks.
B. Appointment of new AIPP Commissioners
   A memo was prepared for City Council to appoint two new commissioners, Ana Valles and Jesse Jimenez, and also included the reappointment of Amy Cheslin.
C. 2021 budget outlook
   We are awaiting news of the 2021 budget. AIPP was asked to consider a zero transfer from 2020 into 2021. The amount of possible loss is $305,000.
   Roberta Bloom announced new Financial Supervisor Mathew Kipp begins work next Tuesday.
D. Project list update
   The project list has not been amended in several months. Currently, there is not enough budget information to make amendments, with discussion to be had at the January meeting.
E. Tollgate Crossing park completion
   Rob Niedringhaus may visit site and share photos for the next meeting.
   Tony Nguyen used PowerPoint to review and show the finished Tollgate Crossing.
   Iliff station sculpture “On the Move 1” is displaying structural integrity issues with failing welds. Artist’s engineer requested that the piece be taken down, which occurred on August 21, 2020. There is a $500 per month storage fee at Demiurge facilities. Estimated total expense for removal and storage until repairs could be done in first quarter 2021 is just over $10K. A preliminary conversation between Roberta Bloom and artist is scheduled for September 3, 2020. Routine maintenance is significantly more expensive than the proposal described. This piece is owned by City of Aurora and not shared with RTD.
   The PowerPoint slides next showed “Beam One,” where the glass rondelle is missing. Artist is fabricating a new roundel with additional security measures to prevent future theft.
   Tony Nguyen shared Art 2C tour photos of cracking pedestals. Other photos display a sculpture by Justin Deister deteriorating from material used and exposure to the elements. Commissioners discussed options for ensuring integrity of art pieces. Amy Cheslin noted we already give the artist a stipend and it should be their responsibility to replace/fix the work.
   Roberta Bloom announced that the Green Valley Ranch East call for entry was submitted and is currently active on CaFE. The art selection panel will meet on Sept 30 to selecting their finalists and subsequent action will be needed from the Commission.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR
We are testing this new agenda format. Any input will be greatly appreciated
Item 7B “Council Contact Summary” is being tabled for discussion next month
Annual meeting retreat will be held January 9, 2021.
Decisions about the date and how the retreat will be conducted require further discussion.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS
   a. Mary Mollicone reported that Cultural Affairs is waiting to hear about the 2021 budget.
   b. Roberta Bloom sent out an email with a City of Aurora survey that could help reflect the importance of public art.

IX. ADJOURNED at 7:45 pm
The mission of the Art in Public Places Program is to create great places that contribute to neighborhood development, economic vitality, and enrich and engage the community of Aurora.