



# PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

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## Meeting Minutes Fort Wayne Public Art Commission February 26, 2024

Meeting Time: 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Citizens Square, 200 East Berry St, Conference Room 324

### ROLL CALL

#### Members:

<u>√</u> Clydia Early	<u>X</u> John O'Connell	<u>X</u> Theoplis Smith
<u>√</u> Emily Guerrero	<u>√</u> Tim Parsley	<u>√</u> Paul Spoelhof
<u>X</u> Shan Gunawardena	<u>√</u> Dan Ross	<u>√</u> Nancy Stewart
<u>√</u> Colleen Huddleson	<u>√</u> Chad Shaw	<u>X</u> Dan Swartz

#### Advisory Members:

<u>X</u> Alex Hall	<u>√</u> Dodd Kattman	<u>X</u> Paul Sauerteig
<u>√</u> Pam Holocher	<u>√</u> Scott Miller	

√ = Present      X = Absent

#### Other Attendees:

Sherese Fortriede (Staff)      Nate Lefever (Staff)      Alec Johnson

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*A motion to approve the December 11, 2024, meeting minutes was made by Dan Ross. Chad Shaw seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dan Ross detailed to the Commission the 2025 Public Art Commission budget and outlined future spending. The Commission also discussed TIF contributions and how/if this program will continue. Alec Johnson assured the Commission that the program is popular and is expected to continue.

*The Commission voted unanimously to approve the 2025 budget as presented.*

### PAC PROJECTS

Alec Johnson gave a recap of the project to present and what the current direction of the sculpture is, an update on funding sources, and modifications proposed to the approved design to make the sculpture more inclusive and accessible to persons with disabilities.

Nancy Stewart proposed to the Commission the formation of a 77 Steps Selection Committee to facilitate the reenvisioning of the current installation. The Committee will be co-chaired by Nancy Stewart and Alex Hall, members include: Tom Boyer - Visit Fort Wayne, Colleen Huddleson – PAC/Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Dodd Kattman – PAC, Architect, Phil LaBrash – City of Fort

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Wayne/Engineer, Scott Miller – PAC, General Contractor, Miraim Morgan – Arts United, Bob Walters – DID.

*Dan Ross made a motion to approve this Committee, Clydia Early seconded this motion, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Committee.*

Nate Lefever reported to the Commission with updates relating to Phase I and Phase II of the SHOUT-OUT: Fort Wayne program in the Harvester, East Central, Fairfield Terrace Belmont, and Mount Vernon Parks neighborhoods. It was also announced that the Harvester documentary that was produced during Phase I of the project will be screened at the Allen County Public Library Main Branch on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Pam Holocher informed the Commission on the development of a Collections Management Committee to inventory, assess the condition of, and facilitate any necessary repairs in accordance with the artwork's expected longevity or deaccession guidelines.

- **COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT**

Nancy Stewart relayed that the Project Development Committee meetings will be postponed, and future meetings will be scheduled on an as-needed basis. A brief discussion was had by the Commission relating to the creation and installation of a monumental sculpture for the City.

- **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:58 p.m.

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