

**ART COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF May 25, 2011
BEGINNING AT 2:00 P.M.**

NOTE: Due to a technical difficulty in the recording system, May 2011 minutes have been summarized rather than transcribed.

PRESENT OF THE COMMISSION: Klavon, Indovina, Luckett, Rhor, Slavick, Astorino, Mike Gable in place of Director Rob Kaczorowski

PRESENT OF THE STAFF: Morton Brown, Noor Ismail

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Klavon asked for approval of minutes from February 23, and March 23, 2011, as they were not approved during the April meeting.

Ms. Slavick moved to approve February meeting minutes. Mr. Astorino seconded the motion.

Ms. Slavick moved to approve March meeting minutes. Ms. Rohr seconded.

B. Correspondence

No correspondence.

C. Items for Review

- Mount Washington Banners: Final Approval
 - Greg Panza, Mt. Washington Community Development Corporation

The Commission agreed to grant final approval for the Mount Washington Banners project, with the caveat that the original 'Welcome' design is not used. The new design reflected colors found in the nearby incline. The 'skyline' iconography was discouraged, as it exists in actuality as a tourist draw, right in front of where the banners would be located. Incline iconography had been approved for incorporation into the design.

MOTION: To grant Final Approval to Mt. Washington Community Development Corporation for Mount Washington Banners.

MOVED: *not available due to technical error* **SECONDED:** *not available due to technical error*

IN FAVOR: All

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

- Historical Marker for African American Local 471 : Conceptual/Final Approval
 - Robert Gorczyca, Member, African American Jazz Preservation Society of Pittsburgh

- Charles Austin, President, African American Jazz Preservation Society of Pittsburgh

The historical marker is PHMC standard. The African American Jazz Preservation Society of Pittsburgh will provide a budget of \$5000 to cover costs of materials. Maintenance will be provided by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The marker itself is not much larger than a stop sign and will not interfere with traffic. The real estate agency controlling the adjacent property has also approved the project. The AAJPS had submitted location descriptions and images with their presentation. The project was also approved by the Department of Public Works, who would handle the installation of the piece pro bono near the corner of Wylie Avenue and Crawford.

MOTION: To grant conceptual and final approval for the African American Local 471 Historical Marker.

The marker

MOVED: Slavick SECONDED: Astorino

IN FAVOR: All

OPPOSED: None CARRIED

- Diamond Market Canopy: Final Approval
 - Michael Kratsas, Nicholas and Patrinos Properties

The applicant returned to the Commission after taking into consideration suggestions offered during the previous review. The applicant has reduced the face of the canopy and the diameter of the pillars since the last meeting.

Other changes include the addition of neon text signage to the canopy that would read “Diamond Market” in large font and “bar and grill” in a smaller font. The text demonstrated in the image showed the ‘D’ and ‘M’ letters that extending above and below the lip of the canopy. Commissioners suggested that the text be made to fit within the constraints of the width of the canopy lip.

The applicant also showed current progress of construction of the building.

MOTION: To grant Final Approval for the Diamond Market Canopy.

MOVED: Indovina SECONDED: Astorino

IN FAVOR: Indovina, Rhor, Slavick, Astorino, Gable

OPPOSED: Klavon, Luckett, CARRIED

- UPMC Children's Hospital - 44th Street Pedestrian Bridge: Conceptual Approval
 - Elizabeth Munsch, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
 - Jack Sillaman, Astorino

MOTION: To grant Conceptual and Final approval for the 44th Street Pedestrian Bridge at UPMC Children's Hospital.

MOVED: Slavick

SECONDED: Rohr

IN FAVOR: All

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

- Revised Plans for Accessory Structures at Phipps/CSL: Final Approval
 - Richard Piacentini, Executive Director, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens
 - Chris Minnerly, AIA, Principal, The Design Alliance Architects

MOTION: To grant Final approval to the Accessory Structures at Phipps Conservatory.

MOVED: Lockett

SECONDED: Slavick

IN FAVOR: All

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED