

ART COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting Wednesday, September 28, 2016
Beginning at 2:08 p.m.

PRESENT OF THE COMMISSION: Astorino, Heidemann, Lockett, Slavick
Gastil, Carlise

PRESENT OF THE STAFF: Anne Kramer
Anthony Cavalline
Lisa Ray

AGENDA ITEMS COVERED IN THESE MINUTES

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A. Appointment of Temporary Chairperson

On motion by Slavick and seconded by Astorino, Lockett was appointed Temporary Chairperson of today’s meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Commission Minutes

The minutes of the August 27, 2016 were held until the next meeting.

C. Correspondence

No Correspondence

D. Items for Review

- 1. *Great Allegheny Passage Mile Marker (Conceptual & Final Review)***
Josh Lippert, Department of City Planning

Lippert presented plans for a coordinated, systematic marking system to delineate mileage on the Great Allegheny Passage. The permanent mileposts will be a reliable, informative, and aesthetically pleasing piece of the CAP signage system and will promote safety and guidance to trail users.

Jeff McCully of Friends of the Riverfront spoke in support of the plans.

MOTION: Conceptual and Final Review

MOVED BY	Slavick	SECONDED BY	Heidemann
IN FAVOR	All		
OPPOSED	None		

CARRIED

2. Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium Operations Building (Conceptual Review)

*Brad Smith, Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium
Martin Busser, Indovina Associates Architects*

Smith presented plans for the new structure that is located in a area not accessible to the general public. The structure will include a catering kitchen, food warehouse, grounds operations, and animal food service on the first floor and a partial swcond floor for administrative staff. He showed illustration of the building and the location of the structure. There will be demolition as needed to accommodate the new structure.

Luckett asked where is the existing food housed.

Busser stated that it is currently newar the parking lot in a rented trailer.

Slavick asked if the building will be green and will they follow the LEED requirements.

Smith stated yes.

MOTION: Conceptual Review

MOVED BY	Heidemann	SECONDED BY	Slavick
IN FAVOR	All		
OPPOSED	None		

CARRIED

3. Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium Zip Line Experience (Conceptual & Final Review)

*Brad Smith, Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium
Martin Busser, Indovina Associates Architects*

Busser of Indovina Associates Architects presented plans to erect two wood framed structures and three individual zip line cables that are approximately 170ft. in length. It will provide a low speed, leisure experience able to be utilized by a majority of the zoo visitors.

He presented photographs of the plans starting at the tower and showed how it will look once the trees grow in.

Slavick asked why there was no roof.

Busser stated that the exhibit will only operate when the weather is good.

Busser asked for the Commissioners to grant final approval so they may begin before the inclement weather.

MOTION: Conceptual and Final Review

MOVED BY	Slavick	SECONDED BY	Astorino
IN FAVOR	All		
OPPOSED	None		

CARRIED

Director's Report

Gastil reported that City Planning is in the process of scheduling the interviews for the Art Manager and he hopes to make an offer within 1 month.

Luckett asked how many applicants.

Gastil stated that there was a large group and there will be six interviews scheduled. He also stated that the specialist position will not be filled until the manager is in place so they can be part of the interview process.

Meeting Adjourned