**ART COMMISSION**

Minutes of the meeting Wednesday, October 26, 2016
Beginning at 2:00 p.m.

**PRESENT OF THE COMMISSION:** Indovina, Astorino, Heidemann, Slavick, Gable

**PRESENT OF THE STAFF:** Anne Kramer
Anthony Cavalline
Lisa Ray

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**A. <u>Approval of Commission Mintes</u>**
**The mintues of the August and September 2016 meetings were tabled until a quorum of the attendees are present.**

**B. <u>Items for Review</u>**

**1. *Greenfield Bridge (Conceptual & Final)***
*Pat Hassett, Department of Public Works*

Hassett gave followup regarding the status and refinement of design elements approved by the Art Commission in March 2015, including colors, sheet metal cut-outs, a new bronze plaque, and placement of preserved stone monuments. He stated that the project is on schedule and should look like a bridge by Thanksgiving. The current proposal for the reinstallation of the Stone Monuements is to use four of the five reuable stone monuments (including the one that contains inscribed text) and cast four new concrete monuments to match the original design.

With only one of the two inscribed banner stones surviving, they are proposing the creation of a new bronze plaque that replicates the inscribed information on the old inscriptions but for the new bridge. This plaque would be attached to the stone monument on the Greenfield end of the bridge on the sidewalk side. Mr. Hassett also requested that no name changes be granted via the Naming Commission.

The current designs call for a typical chain link fence, green with an arched top rail and finials. The Project Team is enhancing the design element with the fabrication and mounting to the fence perforated sheet metal cutouts replicating the urns and light fixtures on the 1922 bridge presenting a ghostly image of the original bridge's architectural parapet icons.

**<u>MOTION:</u>** **Conceptual & Final Review**

MOVED BY Slavick SECONDED BY Heidemann
IN FAVOR All

OPPOSED None

**CARRIED**

**2. *Carlow University Banners (Conceptual & Final Review)***
*Jessica Pierce, Carlow University*

Pierce presented plans to replace existing campus banners with new artwork. The expected duration of this display is two years.

**MOTION: Conceptual and Final Review**

MOVED BY Astorino SECONDED BY Heidemann
IN FAVOR All
OPPOSED None

**CARRIED**

**3. *Martin Luther King Community Garden Stormwater Capture Structure (Conceptual & Final Review)***
*Rayden Sorock, Grow Pittsburgh*
*Marisa Manheim, Grow Pittsburgh*

Sorock and Manheim presented plans to erect a rainwater capture system to fill a 1500 gallon cistern, as well as providing shade and seating in the community garden.

Michelle McWilliams the visionary for this garden spoke in support of this plan and thanked the City of Pittsburgh and Grow Pittsburgh for all of their efforts.

Terri Baltimore of the Hill House Association spoke in support of the plan.

Brant and Josh Student Leaders that volunteer in the Garden spoke in support of the plan.

Director Gable expressed the Department of Public Works' support of the plan and the garden.

**MOTION: Conceptual & Final Review**

MOVED BY Astorino SECONDED BY Slavick
IN FAVOR All
OPPOSED None

**CARRIED**

**4. *Gateway Center Pedestrian Lighting (Conceptual & Final Review)***
*Sean Luther, Envision Downtown*

Luther presented plans to erect pedestrian lighting retrofit on Liberty Avenue through Gateway Center. Through a partnership with Gehl Studio, Envision Downtown conducted a survey of pedestrian lighting in Downtown. In this process the Gateway Center was highlighted as a dark and uninviting area, due to the fact that currently all lighting on this stretch of sidewalk is composed of highway style lighting inteneded for vehicular traffic. In this pilot they will add pedestrian luminaries to the 20 existing "cobra head" poles.

Envision Downtown will maintain this project as needed over the duration of the demonstration with existing grant dollars secured for pedestrian enhancement projects. The project lifetime is anticipated as eighteen months after wich a more comprehensive and permanent design concept is anticipated to be proposed.

Indovina asked if there was a 3 dimensional study as to what they lights will look like on the pole.

Luther stated that other than the computer visuals, no.

Astorino asked how high are the lights.

Luther stated at least 10 feet.

Director Gable stated that there really is not a downtown standard for lighting. The Department Public Works and City Planning will come of with a standard that could change down the road.

**MOTION: Conceptual and Final Review with a larger goal with greater consideration and finishes to the design element.**

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| MOVED BY | Slavick | SECONDED BY | Heidemann |
| IN FAVOR | All | | |
| OPPOSED | None | | |

**CARRIED**

Slavick reported that she has resigned from this commission but will stay on in November if they need a quorum.

Heidemann asked that staff look into attendance issues with other commission members.

Indovina will reach out to Mr. Gray to get his formal resignation.

**Meeting Adjourned**