

City of Akron
Public Art Commission
Wednesday, December 8, 2021
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

In Attendance

Commissioners: Katie Beck, Lauren Butterworth, Jon Fiume, Dara Harper, Jill Bacon Madden, Danika Stevenson and Kat Wentz.

City Staff: Vonsheay Brown, Summer Hall

Guests: Lisa King

I. Call to order - Kat Wentz 3:00pm. The meeting began with Kat overviewing the application for Sojourner Truth Project to move a motion to approve

II. Vote -Kat Wentz

- a. All in commissioners in favor to approve Sojourner Truth project
- b. Lisa King will bring back refined plan and keep the commission looped in on the progress of project

III. Review of Old Minutes – Kat Wentz overview previous meetings and minutes

- a. Special meeting to vote to move meetings back to virtual
- b. Rick Rogers did not need approval for wonders rocket ship
- c. Removal of devoe tires and setting up commission criteria when removing public artwork
- d. Public art projects that the Commission can do. John Fiume sent a quote from Puzzle Creative for wrapping utility boxes with commissioned artwork. Summer Hall- The Mayor would like to continue this project and decide to start on parts of Main St.; the great streets.

IV. Budget – Summer Hall overview of Grant Manager from the city to write a proposal on behalf of the commission. The grant is for \$1000.00

- a. City funding Sojourner Truth project, that is not on city property or public property
Funding is not coming from the Commission funding its a separate fund within the city
- b. Mayor pledged \$200,000 for the project but went through the Commission for approval because it is public funding.
- c. Have more information about the budget for the Commission moving forward

V. Subcommittees-Kat Wentz to discuss possibilities of subcommittees to develop grant writing, education and marketing, public art and conservation. Jill Maddon- would we be recruiting non commission members to serve on these committees, Kat Wentz-it will be commission members only.

- a. There is no budget for finance committee
- b. Use the monthly meeting among commissioners to work on tasks
- c. Bring experts from the field to meeting to help assist us in completing projects

VI. Meeting Schedule – Summer Hall discuss meeting second Wednesday once a month from 3:00 to 4:30

a. Training can be added from time to time. Dara Harper, can training be added to second Wednesdays? Summer Hall, as of right now all meetings are set but we can make it into a training on the second Wednesday we meet.

b. Holding trainings on second Wednesday meetings, does this work for the majority of you to have the training on second

VII. Vote Kat Wentz

a. All commissioners approve to for training on second Wednesdays

VIII. Meeting Adjourned