

**City of Akron**  
**Public Art Commission**  
**Wednesday, January 12, 2022**  
**3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**In Attendance**

**Commissioners:** Jon Fiume, Dara Harper, Jill Bacon Madden, Danika Stevenson, Larissa Brown and Kat Wentz.

**City Staff:** Vonsheay Brown, Summer Hall

**I. Call to order** - Kat Wentz 3:03pm.

**II. Vote** -Kat Wentz motion to approve minutes of December 8, 2021

- a. Minutes approved/ Jon Fiume motioned and Jill Maddon 2nd
- b. All commissioners in favor of approving minutes.

**III. Old Business**

- a. All in commissioners in favor to approve Sojourner Truth project

**IV. New Business** – Summer Hall overview of the budget and gift contributions to the Commission.

- a. ARPA funds are not set for public arts
- b. Summer Hall is investigating funding from the City of Akron Capital Campaigns
- c. Commission is allotted \$25,000 dollars to use from \$100,000 gift from private donation
- d. Create a google sheet that will provide grant opportunities to share with Melinda with the City of Akron
- e. Administrative support should be funded by the City of Akron
- f. The \$100,000 gift overall was to cover operation cost and mission projects for the Commission
- g. The Commission only has \$25,000 to use at their discretion

**V. Designing Local** -What is their role currently with the Commission.

- a. Readjust ask of 30,000 for their services, set it the budget as needed for their services
- b. Kat Wentz will share Designing Local proposal for the Commission to review

**VI. Commissions Member Terms**– Kat Wentz and Summer Hall overview of Commission terms of service.

- a. All terms were shared and sent out by Kat Wentz in a spreadsheet of the Commissioners contact information
- b. Commissioners have a term of two years, expires August 1, 2022
- c. Kat Wentz have a term of three years, expires August 1, 2023
- d. Summer Hall will update at next meeting on 9th Commissioner joining
- e. Commissioners can be reappointed

**VII. Traffic Box Wraps**-Summer Hall is reaching out to vendors, gathering quotes and confirming Mayor Daniel Horrigan's preference on the logistics of the project.

- a. Does he want the Commission to do a Call for Artists? Or Photographs?
- b. What should the traffic boxes resemble?
- c. Confirmation from City of Akron Traffic Dept. on the exact count of traffic boxes and the location of construction within the next 2 years
- d. Confirm how much for project will determine how much we can pay artists
- e. Majority of the traffic box sizes are 60 x 27 x 50. Each wrap will cost \$600.00, to be printed, laminated in the installation.

**VIII. Public Art Removal** – Kat Wentz summarize the continuation of Devo tires still up throughout the City

- a. Summit Art Space remains, Highland Square area, over the bridge towards Cuyahoga Falls, High St. near Hop House.
- b. Reach out to Summer Hall to coordinate with appropriate City department for removals
- c. Tires can be removed on City property, it is the responsibility of the business to remove off of private property

**IX. Commission Rules** -Kat Wentz discuss the change to monthly meeting with the add of new rules regarding Commission attendance requirements and submission protocols

- a. All submittable applications or application for public art must be received four weeks in advance of next PAC meeting
- b. To remain on the Commission, members must attend three fourths of all Commission meetings ( 9 out of the 12) meetings yearly

**XI. Public Comments** - Summer Hall confirms that all public comments need to be submitted by the Monday before the official meeting of the month

**XI. Meeting Adjourned** - All in favor, meeting ends 3:51pm