

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022
MEETING OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION VILLAGE OF OSWEGO
MEETING MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Attended: Tony Pastore, Katie Marter, Kristie Vest and Julie Hoffman

Absent: Karen Kulzer, Jennifer Putzier

START OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Tony Pastore and seconded by Kristie Vest.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Public Forum was opened and closed at 6:06 p.m.

MINUTES

Tony Pastore made a motion to approve the October Meeting Minutes as amended. A motion to second the motion was not possible due to no attendees being present in the meeting from the October meeting. Julie conveyed that approval of the October meeting minutes would be pushed back to the December meeting. The only amendments made included the following:

1. Tony Pastore corrected his comments about a future mural to include, "hometown feel" rather than, "homey feel".

OLD BUSINESS

Art at Village Hall:

1. The current applications for the 2023 exhibits were pre-viewed a second time. (They were pre-viewed for the first time by Katie and Kristie and the second time by Tony.)
 - a. It was suggested that we give the dimensions of the glass cases in the lobby to artist applicant, David Taylor, to see if these could work for him. Additionally, we should ask if he has pedestals for his work.
 - b. Kristie conveyed that the Little White School Museum didn't have any pedestals to borrow, when asked.

Downtown Mural:

The following summary of talking points were reviewed with the Commissioners who weren't present the month prior:

1. Megan, with Floral Expressions & Gifts, is interested in exploring subject matter painted on panels to be mounted on the side of her brick building.
2. Karen felt that the brick wall to be considered should be on the parking lot side of the building.
3. Tony prefers the side facing Jackson St.
4. Inclusion of floral elements are preferred in some way, along with outdoor elements, water (but not water sports), color, and omission of people.
5. Tony asked if the theme might work with a "hometown feel", possibly something with a Farmers Market (i.e. music notes; shopping bags; flowers, etc.)

Further discussion resulted in the following:

1. Inclusion of some floral elements works; it was suggested that we give the flowers that are the inspiration for the bike racks to Jason Watts, Muralist, to consider putting into it.
2. Ask for the mural to be one-of-a kind (not one that has been done before)
3. The mural concept should include various elements of downtown life
4. Stress organic
5. Katie passed around a photo of a large flower mural in East Peoria painted above a flower shop (shown below):



Bike Racks:

When discussing the bike racks and how best to proceed, Julie showed the “All Kinds” power point presentation a second time and followed by directing the Commissioners to the October minutes that included a summary of Commissioner’s comments, summarized below:

1. It’s unique.
2. Match the purple design more with the purple flower.
3. It’s expensive with the lowest level option being quoted at \$10,000, per flower, including guesstimated manufacturing costs.
4. Julie conveyed that she’d do a “gut check” with the Village Administration to see if those kinds of dollars would be considered.
5. It would be fun to see this through if it wasn’t too expensive.
6. We need a 3-D representation or rendering of it.
7. There needs to be a higher stem on the purple flower.
8. Safety consideration must be given so that children don’t climb on them.

Julie conveyed that she was still waiting on the revised purple flower rendering and would have it by the December meeting from “All Kinds”. From there, we can decide if that element should be further considered, changed or approved.

Brainstorming:

1. Tony introduced the concept of digital installations projected onto an abandoned building.
2. Kristie said that Oswego should be a trial location for the installation.
3. Sculptures and a projection camera could go onto a bridge and art could be projected into the water; something that hasn’t been done before. This is proposed to be a partnership with the Oswegoland Park District for the future.

STAFF REPORTS: None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM. A motion was made by Tony Pastore and seconded by Kristie Vest.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall