



**Meeting Minutes
City Council Chamber
October 6, 2022 – 7 pm**

Commission Members Present: Amy Cook, Kent Gallagher, Mike Ploszek, Jan Schmuckal, Dana Teichart, Tim Vetang, Jennifer Paoello (by phone)

Commission Members Absent: Kevin Heckman, Kathy Sabaini

Also in Attendance: Cate Tracy, City of Geneva

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Vetang called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
2. **Amendments to Agenda:** Agenda stood as presented.
3. **Approve Minutes – September 1, 2022**
 - ✚ Schmuckal moved, Gallagher seconded. The September minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **Review Financial Reports – Tracy**
 - ✚ The fund equity balance as of September 30, 2022, is \$32,556.24. The September financial statements stood as presented.
 - ✚ Tracy advised the Commission that by the end of November that we need to finalize a budget for 2023. She then presented a helpful worksheet which the Commission went through to compare previous expenditures and estimate possible 2023 expenditures.
5. **Discuss Art Center Proposal - Vetang**
 - ✚ A proposal from the Geneva Center for the Arts was discussed and the Commission agreed that the project plan needs to be more concrete and detailed to support the effort. The following concerns were discussed: the negative impact on trees and wildlife, the appearance of the installations over time from harsh winter weather, a lack of preparation time, a need for PAAC's approval, and the challenge of promoting sponsors near storefronts.
 - ✚ Tracy stated that tree bombing is controversial because of the impact on the health of the trees. The City has recommended the installations be created on inanimate objects.
 - ✚ The project is called "Tree Bombing" which includes wrapping city trees with yarn, knitted/crocheted to create outdoor works of art.
 - ✚ It was agreed that all the "Tree Bombing" would need to be done in one area for continuity and cohesiveness, not scattered throughout industrial parks or remote areas of Geneva.
6. **Discuss Ruark Sculpture Donation – Vetang**
 - ✚ A sculpture of George Washington and his horse, sculpted by former resident, Sally Ruark (deceased) was donated to the City in 2020. Discussion was held about where to place the sculpture. The sculpture could be given to Kane County for inside the

Courthouse or placed on the grounds of a government building, where a historical/presidential theme would be appropriate. The corten steel sculpture may deteriorate if installed outdoors, be dangerously sharp, or unsteady in wind. The condition of the sculpture will need to be assessed. It is currently in the utility box closet at City Hall. Tracy will share the Commission's comments with City staff. Vetang stated the artist's son had recently inquired about the status.

7. REPORTS

a. Art on Fire – Tracy

- ✚ Eight painted hydrants have been completed and will be voted on soon.
- ✚ A schedule for repair painting by Public Works is on a rotation basis, some hydrants might have to be painted over completely red because of disrepair.

b. Steeple Walk – Gallagher

- ✚ December 4 is the slated date for the Walk. The four performances are:
 - Agape Bell Ringers – Lutheran Church
 - Lamplighter Singers – First United Methodist Church
 - Ruth Cavanaugh Trio – Unitarian Church
 - Canto Zenzero – Christian Science Church
- ✚ The audience size for 2022 is 125, back to normal before the pandemic.
- ✚ Dates for ticket sales are: Church Sales, Nov. 6-13, General Sales Nov. 14-Dec. 2, through PayPal, City of Geneva, and Geneva Chamber of Commerce.
- ✚ Teichart suggested raising ticket prices from \$15 to \$20, or \$20 on the day of the event. Gallagher said he would propose the increase to the Committee.
- ✚ Gallagher will provide Tracy with details about crossing guard needs and a news release draft.

c. Chalk Art Event – Heckman

- ✚ No report.

d. Bus Stop Art – Schmuckal

- ✚ No report.

e. RiverPark Summer Music Series – Teichart

- ✚ No report.

f. Geneva Fine Art Fair Booth 2023 – Vetang

- ✚ No report.

g. Shakespeare in the Park – Gaboda/Rice

- ✚ No report.

- ✚ **h. Commissioner Comments & Ideas** - No report on Bike Rack repair, Schmuckal will find out what needs to be done.

8. Public Comments – There were none.

9. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn was made by Ploszek and seconded by Schmuckal. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Teichart
Secretary

Next Meetings

November 3, 2022

December 1, 2022

January 5, 2023

February 2, 2023

March 2, 2023