



COMMISSION ON  
**PUBLIC ART**

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 14, 2019**

Metro Development Center

444 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Conference Room 101

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>GUESTS</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Elmer Lucille Allen		
Andrew Cozzens		
Vallorie Henderson		
Jessica Bennett Kincaid		
Sarah Lindgren		
Bob Marino		
Gretchen Milliken		
Chris Reitz		
Cathy Shannon		
Anna Tatman		

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm and Chris Reitz, Commission Chair, welcomed meeting attendees.

Dr. Reitz asked the Commission to review the November 12, 2018 meeting minutes. Elmer Lucille Allen made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Marino seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Dr. Reitz provided the Chair report, sharing that he is pleased to take on the role of the Commission Chair. He gave an update that the position of the Metro Council representative remains vacant until appointed.

Dr. Reitz asked Sarah Lindgren, Public Art Administrator, to provide an update on the Castleman Monument and the upcoming Cherokee Triangle Architectural Review Committee hearing. The Commission discussed their role in the overall process and whether a statement of support from the Commission should be included in the Public Art Administrator report at the hearing.

Mr. Marino made a motion that the Commission should opine and draft a statement for the purpose of the Public Art Administrator report at the ARC hearing. Jessica Bennet Kincaid seconded the motion. The motion carried by majority: aye 7, nay 1.

A discussion followed and Commissioners drafted the following statement:

*The Commission on Public Art supports the public process included in the report, as well as the Mayor's decision to remove the monument.*

Mr. Marino made a motion to approve the statement as recorded above. Ms. Kincaid seconded the motion. The motion carried by majority: aye 5, abstain 3.

Gretchen Milliken, Mayor's designee to the Commission, gave a report with an overview of the Mayor's Lean Into Louisville initiative and the role of arts programs in the initiative. Ms. Milliken encouraged the Commissioners to engage with the various events and programs that will be part of Lean Into Louisville, and invited all to attend the upcoming press conference scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sarah Lindgren gave the Public Art Administrator's report:

- The Office of Advanced Planning, Public Art initiative will be adding to its portfolio of programs with the annual External Agency Fund grants. Commissioners are invited to participate in the grant review panel. Please let Sarah know if you are interested.
- Louisville Visual Art's proposal for the forthcoming Imagined Monuments exhibit for Metro Hall was presented for review. Commissioners noted the appearance of a symbol in one of the proposed artworks that resembles a swastika, and recommended that the symbol be omitted from the proposed artwork or clarified in its meaning. [The symbol was subsequently removed by the artist.] The Commission delegated final approval of the exhibition proposal to staff-level review.

Guest presenters Christen Boone, Kat Abner, and Portia White, with Fund for the Arts, joined the meeting and gave a presentation on the upcoming Imagine Mural Festival. Fund for the Arts staff reviewed the goals of the mural festival and the details of the forthcoming artist call, to ask for any feedback from the Commission. A brief discussion followed. Vallorie Henderson made a recommendation that the application should require the artist fees to be included in the submitted budgets. Commissioners are invited to participate in the steering committee. Please let Sarah and Gretchen know if you are interested.

Ms. Kincaid made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.



**We believe...**

- **Public art is vital to building a dynamic and equitable city for everyone**
- **Public art encourages dialogue across economic, social, racial, political, historic and religious differences**
- **Public art inspires and provokes the viewer**
- **Public art is necessary in all communities**