

# Aurora Public Art Commission

A division of the Department of Community Services, City of Aurora

## Special Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Thursday, August 17, 2017

David L. Pierce Art & History Center

4:00 p.m.

- Call To Order. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hoban at 4:30 p.m. Members present included Alexis Cardenas, Julie Gervais, Chris Hoban, Melissa Mercado, Gail Piccolo and John Stanicek. Members not present included Jane Regnier, Nafisa Husain, Landa Midgeley.
- Chairman Hoban opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- Review of two final mural proposals for Public Art Mural FRP17-26. (ACTION)
  - Commission members started the review asking Jahari Thompson (Mural for Auto Row at 57 S. LaSalle Street) to respond to questions sent to him. Jahari spoke about the origination of the mural theme. He was inspired by the Aurora community. He spoke with people associated with LaSalle Street and got input for ideas which were incorporated into the mural. Jahari spoke about the history of Auto Row and how the mural would help commemorate and celebrate that. Jahari addressed the mural time line: one week for wall prep, 2 weeks to paint the mural and 1 week apply 5 protective coatings. Jahari indicated that he was not able to split the mural into two phases. He pointed out that half of the costs was for materials and building wall prep. Jahari stated that the mural could last longer than 5 years and up to 10 years.
  - GreenLife Media Group (Mural for 83 S. LaSalle Street) was asked to respond to the questions that were sent to them. The questions were addressed by Rebekah Axtel, Virginia Potter, Kerri Borkowicz and Josh Schultz. Axtell provided an intro and summary of the artist's experience. Axtell provided a brief history of the building and its significance as the first grocery store in Aurora. Virginia Potter added that the building had one of the first street lamps in Aurora. Potter also provided an update on the building's exterior work. Borkowicz distributed new detailed mock ups and reviewed the flower detail and other new elements of the mural. Schultz provided more background on his experience and commented on the elements of the proposed mural. The mural could be done in

two phases with phase I being completed by October 21 and phase II could be completed by May 21, 2018. The cost of each phase would be \$7,500.

- After the short presentations and questions and answers the commission members began deliberations. Chairman Hoban asked about the budget process for 2018. Dan Barreiro explained that the 2018 City Budget is taking place now and will not be adopted until December 2017. The budget could include funds for a second City Commissioned mural. Each commission member provided input on the two proposed murals.
- The Commission took a voice vote where each commissioner stated their choice:
  - Hoban – Victorian Window Box
  - Stanicek – Auto Row
  - Piccolo – Victorian Window Box
  - Mercado – Victorian Window Box
  - Cardenas – Victorian Window Box
  - Gervais – Victorian Window Box
  - The Victorian Window Box Mural was approved with a vote of 5-1.
  - The GreenLife Media Group informed the Commission that the mural’s name was changed to Historic Pierpont Grocery Store on LaSalle St.
- The Commission provided the audience with explanation of the next steps in the process. The finalist will be scheduled for a DST meeting the following week. A meeting with the FoxWalk Design Review Committee would take place the last week in August and then a Planning & Development Committee meeting in September.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.