



Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2021 – 7 pm

Commission Members Present: Kent Gallagher, Doug Holzrichter, Jan Schmuckal, Dana Teichart, Tim Vetang

Commission Members Absent: Amy Cook, Kevin Heckman

Also in Attendance: Cate Tracy, City of Geneva

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Vetang called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. **Amendments to Agenda:** Agenda stood as presented.
3. **Approve Minutes** – Schmuckal motioned and Gallagher seconded for approval of the July minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **Review Financial Reports - Holzrichter**
 - ✚ The current Fund Equity Balance is \$35,586.35. Financial Reports were accepted as presented. Vetang accepted a \$250 donation from resident Jay Moffat and deposited it at the Finance Department.
5. **Public Art Postcard Engagement – Vetang**
 - ✚ Vetang said the event has been very successful.
6. **Summer Concert Series – Teichart**
 - ✚ Teichart gave alternative dates of August 31, September 1, 7, and 8 to reschedule the “Good Clean Fun Band” since they’ve been rained out twice. Vetang preferred a date before Labor Day.
 - ✚ The new date of August 31 was agreed on. Teichart will contact necessary people to arrange for the River Park concert.
7. **Shakespeare Library Evenings - Vetang**
 - ✚ The Evenings were excellent and very well done with Kevin and Christine Heckman
8. **Shakespeare in the Park - Vetang**
 - ✚ Vetang had received an email from Gail Gaboda, “S in the P” Coordinator. The sound system was lacking in quality and would be corrected by next year.
 - ✚ Gaboda reported that next year’s event be held after the Geneva Arts Fair because the Commission is able to market the event at the fair. The earlier date of July 17, combined with the effects of the pandemic, lead to a smaller audience than usual of approximately 650. Gaboda was pleased with this audience size considering the circumstances. Tracy stated that vendors at Commission sponsored events need to be from the City of Geneva. This year it was a challenge to secure Geneva vendors because there was not the usual amount of advance time for planning.

9. Library Bike Rack, PAAC & Skyward Dedication – Vetang

- ✚ Vetang gave a presentation to the Geneva Library Board and Public Art Advisory Committee on behalf of the GCAC.
- ✚ The dedication for the Skyward Bike Rack will be August 30 at 6 pm at the corner of 3rd and Franklin Streets.
- ✚ A family has made a substantial donation for landscaping near the Library site where the bike rack location was originally approved by the City. Planning for the bike rack is on hold until the Library decides how it would like to proceed. There are no alternative locations on City property for a bike rack there.

10. PAAC Recommendation on Bus Stop Art – Vetang

- ✚ Vetang reported that PAAC, the Arts Commission, and City staff voted on bus stop artwork by the students of School District 304. Vetang tallied the votes with Girl With Hand (#1) in 1st place, Flower Person with Pink (#5) in 2nd place, and Butterfly on Black (#3) in 3rd place.
- ✚ On July 29, PAAC recommended the winning artwork and made the recommendation that the GCAC install artwork on three bus stops this year, to use the funds that were reimbursed by insurance in 2020 for the bus stop and artwork removed due to a car accident. The 3rd location and only remaining bus stop without artwork would be on Route 38 by the Living Well Cancer Center. Schmuckal pointed out that the dimensions for the said bus stop are different than the stops on Randall and that new art would need to be created for that site. She said the existing bus stop art does not need to be replaced and still looks good. Schmuckal noted the printing costs for the bus stop art may be higher this year. Tracy requested that Schmuckal send her an estimate in advance of a commitment.
- ✚ A motion was made by Schmuckal, seconded by Gallagher for placement of the remaining art to be at locations on Randall near Fabyan. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Reports

a. Geneva Arts Fair Booth, July 24-25, 2021 – Vetang/Holzrichter

- ✚ The Geneva Foundation for the Arts collected donations and contact information from interested parties at the Commission's Arts Fair Booth.

b. Foundation Update – Holzrichter

- ✚ The committee has been busy refinishing, painting, renovating the building on Stevens Street for the new arts center. They will be working on grand opening events.
- ✚ Fundraising events are being planned with nights to be determined.
- ✚ Taylor Egan will be the Executive Director.
- ✚ The GFA is growing with up to seven people, possibly eight, on its Board.

c. Steeple Walk – Gallagher

- ✚ The Steel Pan Band and a vocal ensemble, "Fuusion" are engaged to perform.
- ✚ Attendance will be limited to 140 total verses the usual 250. With a smaller audience, the event expenses will nearly be equal to the ticket sales and the event will not raise money. Tracy will check PayPal rates to ensure that fees are not too high. Square is another option for consideration. The Committee would like to sell paper tickets at the churches, the Geneva Chamber of Commerce, and possibly City Hall, if permitted.

d. Art on Fire – Tracy

- ✚ Seven applications have been received, some are not completed, yet about one-half are complete. No more applications are being considered.

e. Commissioner Comments & Ideas –

✚ The GCAC accepted Chazmin Baechler’s resignation.

✚ The bronze artwork donation has been delivered to the Geneva Public Library. Vetang is waiting to hear from the High School about accepting the painted Cello as a donation..

12. Public Comments – There were none.

13. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn was made by Holzrichter and seconded by Schmuckal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Teichart

Secretary

Next Meetings – September 2, 2021

October 7, 2021

November 4, 2021

December 2, 2021