

## MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

January 12, 2016, 5:30 P.M.  
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

ROLL CALL: Fuf Renfer, Pat Schmidt, Dennis Frevert, Charlene Briggs, Angie Pierce Jennings (phone)

ABSENT: Brenda Kowalsky

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS: Elizabeth Wilson was unable to attend the meeting but is interested in becoming a Marion Art Council member

### Art in the Alley

Fuf shared with the members emails she received from Amanda Kaufman, Assistant to the City Manager; and Karen Hoyt. Last Thursday, the City Council accepted bids and awarded the contract for ImaginArt in the Alleys to Central States Concrete LLC in the amount of \$343,468.15. This amount was 105.6% of the engineer's estimate. The construction portion of the project will include the reconstruction of the east-west alley between 10th and 11th Streets and the north-south alley between 7th and 8th Avenues. Work shall be completed by October 28, 2016 and liquidated damages will apply in the amount of \$1,500 per day for each calendar day in excess of this schedule. This deadline should accommodate the artists so that they can get their pieces installed before the end of the year. The contract has not yet been approved. This will appear on the next Council agenda. Karen has done a lot of fundraising. The local fundraising total to date is \$165,000 which \$75,000 came from the Linn County donation. Karen also obtained an Iowa Art Grant for \$300,000. The committee has heard back from IEDA and only 2 of the art pieces that immediately touch a historic building needs to go through SHPO review. The goal is to have a draft contract out to each artist by February. Once those contracts are approved, the Art in the Alley committee can share the specifics of the art pieces.

### Sculpture Trail Committee Update

Fuf and Brenda met with Mike to discuss the plans for the Signature Sculpture piece for the entrance. Fuf let MAC know Marg Jensen and Jay Moore, Friends of the Park members, and Katie Lowe-Lancaster have agreed to be on the Sculpture Trail Committee. Brenda and Pat will be MAC members on the committee. Fuf will also mention the Sculpture Trail Committee to Bob Naujoks.

### Exhibits

The December/January exhibit of "Creative Legacies" is by Julie Kulish, Zach Kulish and Bruno Randles. The current school exhibit is from Novak Elementary School. The school reception is January 14 from 5:30 to 6:30. Fuf and her granddaughter will help at this reception. The February 2016 exhibit will be from Mt. Mercy University. Fuf has left messages at Kirkwood and Coe about exhibiting with Mt. Mercy. If neither of these colleges can do an exhibit at this time, Linn-Mar High School has advanced art students who would like to have an exhibit at Lowe Park. The art exchange will be done on January 30 at 9:00. Fuf, Ron and Dennis will be able to help at the art exchange. The artists' reception will be February 11 with the school reception from 5:30 to 6:30 and the college's reception following from 6:30 to 8. Barb Weeks-Caudill and Lianne Westcot will be at the March/April exhibit. The May/June exhibit will be by Rock Tai and Cris Sell. The July/August exhibit will be Tamera and Brian Jensen. The September/October

exhibit will be Dianna Dunn and possibly Jan Bell. The school exhibits scheduled are January: Novak; February: Wilkins; March: Linn-Mar High School; April: Bowman Woods and May: Oakridge Middle School.

#### Coffeehouse Night

The February 5 performer will be the Janeys, Bryce and BillyLee Janey duo. Fuf, Angie, Pat and Charlene will be able to help at this performance. The quartet Feralings will be performing at the March 4 Coffeehouse Night. Lojo Russo will be performing at the April 8 Coffeehouse Night.

Mary Ann sent the stage light that was not working back to the manufacturer since still under warranty.

#### Old Business

Brenda and Fuf counted places at Lowe Park that additional permanent artwork could be hung. They thought 5 to 8 additional pieces could be hung in the Arts and Environment Center. It was discussed of having other City buildings having a location in their building dedicated to artwork. MAC could then rotate artwork throughout the different buildings in the city.

Mary Ann said Sarah Daricilar sent a flash drive with all the information from the MAC website.

Fuf asked if anyone has any suggestions for new MAC members. She will be contacting Elizabeth Wilson regarding becoming a member and availability to make the meetings.

#### New Business

Angie suggested a thank you card sent to Patsi Gann for her dedication to MAC as a past member. She also suggested a thank you posted on the Facebook page and included in Karlene's monthly newsletter.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lowe Park Art and Environment Center.