

**MINUTES**  
**Waukesha Public Library Board**  
**Public Art Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 21, 2016 4:15 P.M.**  
**Board Meeting Room**

Members Present: Lynn Gaffey, Larry Nelson, Lynn Preston, Barb Reinhart, Julie Stockinger and Executive Library Director Grant Lynch

Members Absent: Chris Audley, Joan Francoeur, Rose Sura and Sylvia Trewyn

Others Present: Special Projects Coordinator Joan Quinlan

Committee Chair L. Preston opened the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

**1. Approval of the minutes for June 14, 2016.**

**Larry N. moved to approve the minutes for the June 14, 2016 meeting as presented. Barb R. seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

**2. Discussion/action regarding Community Art Space signage**

Committee Chair Lynn Preston worked with Chris and Julie to evaluate the signage needs for the Community Art Space. She displayed a couple of options for signage that would help to identify the Community Art Space. The first option is very similar to the sign holder used for the artist's bios; acrylic with standoffs. The sign holder could be up to 8 feet long. Depending on the font choice and color scheme, the look would be contemporary and sleek. Executive Director Lynch said that he loved the look and would consider it for signage throughout the library. Lynn P. asked if there was a color scheme that the library uses in its branding. He responded that the logo and color scheme that the library currently utilizes was created in 2010. The second choice for the signage would be printed on gator board and would also include standoffs to mirror the look of the other sign holders. This second option would be less expensive than the acrylic one. Lynn P. will ask Chris Audley for pricing on each and perhaps have him investigate if Delzer Lithograph would possibly donate the sign.

**3. Discussion/recommendation regarding Library Policy B-3, Public Display and Exhibit Space**

Committee Chair Lynn P. reported that the Library Board asked that the Public Art Committee review one section of the display policy before they approve it. The language regarding how long artwork can remain on display was discussed and Barb R. moved to approve the edits to Policy B-3, Public Display and Exhibit Space, Lynn G. seconded, the motion was approved unanimously. The policy will be forwarded back to the Library Board for their approval.

**4. Update on request for proposals**

Committee Chair Lynn P. said that there have not been any RFP submissions for public art. Joan Quinlan met with artist Tom Martin regarding a possible mobile for the atrium located behind the reference desk. The deadline is October 31. Lynn P. confirmed that the policy states that priority is given to Waukesha County artists, but is open to Wisconsin artists.

**5. Discussion/action regarding fundraising ideas/activities**

This item was placed on hold.

**6. Discussion/action regarding Melster art donation**

Committee Chair Lynn P. said that Julie S. went to look at the pieces of art that John & Florence Melster's daughter (Cathy Bellovary) wanted to donate to the library. Julie said that there was one colorful piece in particular that she thought would be appropriate for the children's area. The Committee discussed whether or not the paintings fit the criteria for selection. The paintings are by European artists. Policy D-4, Public Art policy states that "Preference for artists living or working in Waukesha County and Wisconsin will be given when considering purchases and receipt of donations". Julie moved that the Public Art Committee not accept the artwork based on the criteria set for in the policy. Barb R. seconded, the motion carried unanimously. Julie agreed inform Cathy that the artwork would not be accepted into the permanent collection based on the written policy.

**7. Discussion/action regarding framing options for David Powell art information key**

Lynn P. showed the group what she felt is the best option for framing the information key for David Powell's artwork. Currently, the information is in a sleeve attached to the railing (not ideal). A natural frame with a gray mat was suggested. Lynn G. said that the photos could be removed from the key to make it fit better in the frame. The key would be placed on the small wall next to the artwork. Barb R. thought that the mat may not be needed, but Lynn P. said that the mat could be used to divide the sections.

**8. Discussion/action regarding request to display art – Community Art Space**

Artist Bruce Boeck has requested to display his artwork at the library. His artwork is currently on display at the Racine Wustrom Museum. Samples of his watercolor work were distributed. Lynn G. said that she is familiar with his work. The group approved his application by consensus.

**9. Discussion/action regarding placement of Waukesha Reads painting and dedication plaque wording**

Executive Director Lynch thought that the previous Waukesha Reads artwork of Poe was a more fitting piece to honor Karol Kennedy, but the Committee believed that the last piece commissioned for the 10 year anniversary of Waukesha Reads was more appropriate. The following wording was suggested: *In honor of Karol Kennedy for her exemplary leadership of Waukesha Reads.* . The dedication date will be scheduled for a later date. The group relocated to the first floor to investigate possible locations for the Waukesha Reads artwork. It was decided that the piece would look best on the wall above the fire extinguisher and panel where the lighting accents the painting perfectly.

**10. Adjournment**

**Executive Director Lynch moved to adjourn. Barb R. seconded, motion was approved unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

J. Quinlan, Recorder