

AIPP Committee Meeting
Tuesday, JUNE 25, 2024. 6:30pm
Minutes

Present: Dan Sherman, Ken Linsner, Mark Attebery, June Van Dunk, Carl Opalek, David D'Ostilio, Jessie Taylor, Lisa D'Amico, Colleen Vanderhoef. Administrator: Julianne Ramos. Guest: Principal Assistant County Attorney Joshua Nathanson.

Chair, Dan Sherman, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. A quorum was present for the conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 25th, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept as presented by Ken Linsner ; seconded by Lisa D'Amico; unanimously passed.

Project Reports:

Highway Building Project – Mark Attebery, Chair

The concrete footing was poured and cured. The sculpture installation is in progress and expected to be completed this week. Communications between the artist and county are very good. Artist will do lighting. County will do landscaping using rocks to cover the concrete base up to grade. A dedication date will be decided after the installation. The Artist will be happy to give a public presentation at RoCA. He is not avail Wednesdays or Fridays.

COB Project – Dan Sherman, Chair, Members: Carl Opalek, David D'Ostilio, Jessie Taylor. Budget: \$50,700.

Julie sent the site map and photo to Bob Gruffi for his review. Bob approved. RFP deadline will be Monday, Sept.30, 2024. Both existing work and new works will be considered. Some funds will be held back for an honorarium for proposed new designs.

Demarest Kill Park Project – Debbie Silberberg, Chair, Members: June Van Dunk, Lisa D'Amico. Budget: \$33,000.

Mike DiMola, from the Parks Dept. said a new pathway with a picnic area will be developed at the back of the COB parking lot and suggested putting an artwork there. Bob Gruffi is working on the design, which should be completed by the end of this year.

Yeager Health Center Project - Colleen Vanderhoef. Chair. Members: Ken Linsner, Jessie Taylor. Budget: \$64,450.

Bob Gruffie approved siting an artwork on the grounds of Bldg. A. Next steps: **Jessie** will get the site plans (elevations and aerial) from the Planning Dept. website. After the project committee selects one or more sites, they will show Mr. Gruffie their selections for his comments and review.

Rockland Farm Alliance Project – Dan Sherman, Chair
Installation pending County Trail Construction.

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Nominating Committee – Lisa D'Amico

Emily Harvey cannot attend meetings in person and has offered to serve in an advisory capacity. **Lisa** will advise Emily to send Julie a formal letter of resignation (or email) that is required by the County.

Conservation Committee – Ken Linsner, Chair

RCC Wyatt Sculptures –**Ken** will update his report with an addendum. When completed, Julie will send it to Bob Gruffie.

WPA Paintings Reinstallation – The paintings have been transferred to secure storage in Building A at the Yeager Health Center. **Ken and Carl** need to set an installation date and Julie will inform Bob Gruffie so his crew will be available. Julie will provide the book of photos of the paintings.

RCC Neon Sculpture – Julie will inquire if AIPP can use other RCC Schedule A funds for the repair. She will contact Froeling Sign Co regarding an estimate for repairs.

Website and Social Media –Lisa D'Amico. Chair.

Up to date Annual Reports and meeting Minutes are now on the website. She is taking suggestions for a new interactive challenge which have proven popular in bringing visitors to AIPP social media pages. **David** said he may have a suggestion for Lisa.

Education Committee – Debbie Silberberg, June Van Dunk..

- **The Orangetown Historical Society Arts and Crafts Fair.** AIPPI participated in this popular outdoor public event. Debbie, June and Colleen represented AIPP.
- **Piermont Art in the Park** – No firm date yet.

Other Business -

Project Budget Limit: *Carl* suggested that the \$150,000 project budget limit is many years out of date. A discussion on reviewing the Arts installation budget was suggested with the intent of updating the limit to reflect the current dollar value percentage. Julie will work with Josh to draft a letter to the County to consider increasing the dollar amounts.

Maintenance Holdback Funds: Ken suggested that the hold back for maintenance and repairs applied to current art awards be reviewed and possibly eliminated. Held back funds lose value over time if not used. After discussion, the committee voted to eliminate maintenance holdbacks. Moved by Mark Attebery; seconded by Ken Linsner; unanimous.

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Signage Replacement – Dan asked each committee member to take the initiative to visit an AIPP art site near where they live and take a photo of the sign if it is in poor condition. Send the photo to **Mark** who will order a replacement.

Adjournment: Moved to adjourn the meeting by June Van Dunk; seconded by David D'Ostilio; unanimous.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **August 27 , 2024**, at 6:30 PM at ROCA.

Respectfully submitted:

Julianne Ramos,
AIPP Administrator