

ERIE COUNTY ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES

General Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 24, 2024

Meeting Minutes

The Arts in Public Places General Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, October 24th in the Buffalo AKG Art Museum 1285 Elmwood Avenue Buffalo, New York 14222 and by video conference, in accordance with NYS Open Meetings Law. A quorum was present as indicated:

Members:

Alexa Wajed
Susan O'Connor Baird
Donald Siuta
Edreys Wajed

Ex-Officio Members:

Bill Geary (Commissioner of Erie County Department of Public Works)
David Bojanowski (Designee for County Executive Mark Poloncarz)

Other Attendees:

Tracy Cichocki (Deputy Commissioner of Buildings and Grounds)
Thomas E. Baines (Deputy Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development)
Monica Boutin (Project Coordinator)
Natalie Tan (Architect, Erie County Department of Public Works)
Eric Jones (Public Art Projects Manager)

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum:

- The Arts in Public Places Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Wajed at 11:07AM, roll call was taken by Monica Boutin and a quorum was declared present.

2. Approval of Draft Minutes:

- Upon motion by Mr. Siuta and seconded by Ms. O'Connor Baird, the Draft Minutes were unanimously approved.

Guest Speaker: Eric Jones (Public Art Projects Manager)

- Mr. Jones discussed The Buffalo AKG's Public Art Initiative and answered questions from Committee members on numerous topics including public

engagement, safety and insurance concerns relating to public art, as well as maintenance and upkeep. Mr. Jones shared a draft artist contract used by the AKG and discussed insurance and copyright language used by the Art Gallery.

3. Call to Artists Release Update

- Ms. Boutin presented a summary of media related to the release of the Call for Artists.

4. Call to Artists Distribution Strategy

- Committee members discussed other potential avenues to promote the Call for Artists, including through their own networks and smaller community news organizations.

5. Unfinished Businesses

a. Copyright

Members reviewed and discussed the copyright language used by the AKG and the Rockland County Arts in Public Places Committee.

6. New Business

a. Call to Artists #2: Small Works

Members discussed the idea of a Call for Artists focusing on small works. Discussion ensued regarding the need to determine whether the Committee would be interested in acquiring the small works permanently or temporarily and appropriate exhibit space and storage facilities for such work.

7. Resolutions – None

8. Adjournment

- Upon motion made by Ms. O’Connor Baird, and seconded by Mr. Wajad, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 PM.