

## *Minutes*

**City of Asbury Park  
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
January 21, 2020, 6:05 PM -7:17 PM  
Parlor Gallery  
717 Cookman Ave # 4, Asbury Park, NJ 07712**

1. Roll Call: Present- Michele Alonso, Mary Eileen Fouratt, Sancha Gray, Jennifer Hampton -Chairwoman, Malcom Navias, Amy Quinn, Surojanie Sugrim. Charles Trott arrived at 6:44 PM. Absent: Marilyn Schollossback
2. Election of Chairperson, Vice chairperson and Secretary –Postponed to meeting of February 18, 2020
3. Adoption of Minutes. –None presented.
4. New Business
  - a. Springwood Avenue Rising ask for artwork donations  
Representatives of Springwood Avenue Rising presented their mission and goals to the Public Art Commission and asked for assistance in having artists donate artwork for an auction fundraiser in April or May. Amy Quinn and Jennifer Hampton will brainstorm a list of artists they can ask. Also, Jennifer Hampton will provide student photography from the summer program for the boxes. James Watt offered to donate artwork.
  - b. Student art project for reusable bags.-Michele Alonso asked for assistance from Sancha Gray to enlist students to provide a design to be placed on reusable bags that the City has been distributing to the public as part of the City-wide plastic bag ban. Ms. Gray will connect Ms. Alonso will the art teachers in the schools.
  - c. HOPEFUL project sponsored by James Watt –James Watt presented the artwork of Charlie Hewitt. Mr. Hewitt has two other aluminum and led sculptures that say HOPEFUL in two other U.S. cities. Mr. Watt will fundraise to have Charles Hewitt fabricate a lit sculpture which would be hung somewhere in Asbury Park. The cost of the sculpture not including installation is \$30,000. Merchant’s Park, City Hall, Transportation Center, Memorial Drive and areas of Main Street and the Central Business District were brought up as possible locations. Members of the Commission are going to drive around and look at sites.
  - d. Discussion of Public Park Art Project presented by Melanie Knobel. Melanie Knobel presented the artwork of Howard Schoor. Mr. Schoor would like to hang triangles

from trees in Kennedy Park. The Commission concurred that Kennedy Park is too busy for proper presentation of his artwork. Other parks were presented as options. Ms. Knobel will let Mr. Schoor know that the Commission believes Veteran's Park and St. John's Island are viable options. Ms. Quinn will ask The Environmental Shade Tree commission if they have ideas of where would be appropriate tree canopy for the proposed artwork.

- e. Goals for 2020 –Each Commission member was asked to present one goal for the February 18, 2020 meeting.

5. Old Business

- a. Art for Family Dollar display cases on Main Street –Michele Alonso will provide Jennifer Hampton the dimensions. She will put student photography from the summer in the boxes on the façade of Family Dollar located on Main Street.
- b. Art project for Boardwalk Bollards – An update will be provided at the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Quinn said this project is a priority of hers.

6. Public Comment Session.-None

7. Adjournment at 7:17 PM. Next meeting shall be February 18, 2020.