

Art Selection Committee Meeting
April 13, 2015
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Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm by Mike Wharton.

Roll Call:

Members present were: Sylvia Milkens Blutstein, Omar Recuero, Mariavelia Savino, Yasser Samil Heyaime, Richard Sauer and Larry Joe Miller.

Members absent were: Yasser Samil Heyaime and Mathis Young.

Staff members present were: Mike Wharton and Maria Lazo, recording the meeting.

Magi Schwartz:

Mike Wharton opened meeting with a moment of silence for former Chair, Magi Schwartz, who unfortunately passed away. Magi worked tirelessly seeking artist to keep the program alive for the City of Hollywood. Silvia Blutstein spoke words of gratefulness towards Magi and of her passion and acknowledgement of art.

Election of new Chair for Committee:

First order of meeting is to elect new Chair. Silvia Blutstein nominated Larry Joe Miller and Richard seconded the motion. Nomination for Chair was closed. Members voted and rectified Larry Joe Miller as Chair of the Artwork Selection Committee.

Mike Wharton outlined duties of new Chair and members:

1. Members are to seek, meet and invite artists to apply to display in City of Hollywood's venues. Paper applications are available for members to distribute.
2. Facilitate logistics of hanging of artwork in the City's installations.
3. Coordinate with the artist the set-up and breakdown of the exhibits. The Chair will request staff person to assist with hanging of art.
4. Prepare acceptance and non-acceptance letters to artists reviewed by the committee. City staff is basically assisting committee and taking notes.

Election of new Co-Chair for Committee:

Silvia nominated Mariavelia Savino as Co-Chair of the Committee. Richard Sauer seconded the selection. Members voted and rectified Mariavelia Savino as Co-Chair of Artswork Selection Committee.

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Approval of Minutes:

September 8, 2014, minutes was reviewed and approved by the committee.

Review of Applications:

- **Gerardo Olivares:** Artist presented twenty-two pieces of famous and everyday people for consideration. He included many nudes that are unacceptable for display. Since members reviewed and rated the artist with an average score under five over ten, he was not approved to exhibit. Larry will prepare a letter notifying artist of the members' decision.
- **Gloria Cohen:** Presented application and pictures of small glass sculptures. She did not stipulate sizes of her work. Members agreed that this art was not appropriate to exhibit due to lack of show case and pedestals available to display. Members did not rate her artwork. Larry will inform artist that City facilities are not equipped to exhibit sculptures.
- **Santiago Medina:** Artist presented through his website monumental size 3D art. These did not specify sizes. It is also not possible for the City to accommodate his sculptures for display.
- **Lori Allwine:** The artist creates stain glass art. According to Larry Joe Miller, who knows the artist, her art is hangeable. He has seen how she hangs her art in Studio 18 of Pembroke Pines and could ask her to give him a sample of how she would display the work. Mike Wharton considers that generally patrons feel attracted to touch art and because of this, City Hall would be a better place to exhibit. Larry Joe Miller will contact artist regarding the committee's suggestions.
- **Morris Lescare:** Artist presented application and pictures of his paintings. Members found interesting his works and voted to accept artist to display in ArtsPark at Young Circle Gallery. Larry Joe Miller will prepare a letter notifying artist of acceptance to exhibit.

