**Art In Public Places Meeting**

**January 28, 2020, 6:30pm**

**Minutes**

A quorum was present for the conduct of business.

**Present:** Dan Sherman, Emily Harvey, Erin Martin, Debbie Silberberg, Judy Esterow, Carl Opalek, Dan White, Lisa D’Amico,

**Guest:** Rockland County Legislator, James Foley, 17th District. Mr. Foley is a new legislator

representing parts of Orangetown. He saw our posted meeting notice and decided to attend. He enjoys the arts and he and his family have attended classes at RoCA.

**Chairman, Dan Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.**

**Minutes:** The November 26, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Debbie Silberberg moved to approve; Judy Esterow seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Farewell to Erin**

The Committee toasted Erin on the occasion of her last AIPP meeting before she and Denman move to France on March 4, 2020. Erin tendered a very gracious resignation letter effective after this meeting. Dan Sherman thanked Erin for her service of nearly 16 years. Other committee members spoke as well. She leaves a legacy of a well-researched master plan as well as many fine public artworks acquired and restored while she served on the committee.

**Demarest Kill Park Project –** Dan Sherman forPat Hickman

A motion was made to formally approve the completed art installation by Tom Holmes. Judy Esterow so moved; Dan White seconded; unanimously approved. After researching lighting and speaking with the artist, Dan recommended, and the committee agreed, not to light the installation.

Judy arranged for the dedication to be held on April 30, 2020 at 11:00am. Ed Day will preside. Press releases have been disseminated. Judy arranged, with Harriet Cornell’s assistance, to invite the families of Ken Zebrowski and Tom Morahan, in whose memories the park is named. Debbie suggested letting chess clubs know, since one element of the installation is a chess table and benches.

**RCC – Roseman sculptures -** Emily Harvey

Harry Roseman got a $5,000 grant from Vassar College to restore the sculpture houses. The original mason will do the work. Harry will come to RCC with the mason about late March or April.

**Policy Subcommittee on Deteriorating / Damaged Art -** Debbie Silberberg

The subcommittee met prior to this meeting to continue the policy discussion. The policy will refer to “removal” of artworks, rather than “deaccession”.

Julie contacted attorney Venita Whidbee-Jordan at the Law Department to find out if the County has an existing policy. Venita could find none. She informed Julie that when the committee develops a policy, it should be sent to County Executive Day’s office.

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**COB Project Lighting Report -** Dan Sherman

Dan called Bob Gruffi. He will follow up in March. The committee will purchase lights with existing funds. Bob said he will have them installed.

**Outreach and PR -** Judy Esterow

(See Demarest Kill Park Project report.)

**New Photo Archive**

Judy and Julie proposed a Photo Archive for AIPP to store digital images on the Website for easy access when needed. Currently project images are not centralized. Files can be backed up on an external drive, but that only allows one person to access them. Dan White proposed we consider getting an account with DropBox, which can store high resolution images. The number of people able to access the files depends on our budget for the service. RoCA hosts AIPP and the back-up can be hosted by RoCA. Dan White (graphic design), Judy Esterow (PR and Outreach) and Lisa D’Amico (social media, website and education) are three committee members who should be able to access the DropBox photo file. Dan will do further research on cost.

**Education and Website - Lisa D’Amico**

Judy, Julie and Lisa met to refine the new site. Lisa will update the changes. A new drop down menu will enable visitors to access prior meeting minutes, and completed project Calls for Entry. Lisa suggested we have a feature for visitors to give their email addresses to be informed of new project Calls for Entry.

Lisa reported that we now have 1,016 FaceBook visitors.

**Old Business**

***Braille Signage*** - Debbie Silberberg

Debbie got a quote for a 6”x8” sign with three layers of 1/16” acrylic that can be embossed in Braille. The Braille will run below each line of written text on the signs eliminating the need for two signs. The cost is $59.95 per sign,

**WPA Paintings** – Erin Martin

Erin reported that the Historic Society of Rockland County, currently storing the WPA paintings, want them removed due to their own need for storage space. Julie will contact Bob Gruffi to arrange to have them reinstalled under Ken’s supervision in the Building A lobby at Yeager.

**New Business**

Julie spoke to Mike Drummond regarding the changes to Schedule A in the county’s 2020 budget. Mike will have more complete information in mid-February.

Erin Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm; Debbie Silberberg seconded; unanimously approved.

**The next meeting will take place on February 25, 2020 at 6:30pm at RoCA**

Respectfully submitted by,

Julianne Ramos, AIPP Administration