A special meeting of the Public Arts Advisory Commission was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 110 of City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, IL 61602, with Chairman James Pearce presiding and with proper notice having been given.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Roll Call confirmed the following Commissioners physically present: James Pearce, Jonathan Roman, Jim Ludwig, Beth Reusch, T J Angelo, Kristan McKenzie , Lizz Barnes  

Guests: John and Sharon Amdall, Barb Waldorf, Joe Richey  
City Staff Present: Stacy Peterson

MINUTES

No minutes to approve at this time. Minutes for January and February minutes will be approved at the May meeting.

PRESENTATION BY JOHN & SHARON AMDALL FOR SCULPTURE WALK PEORIA

John Amdall explained the process of sculpture selection for Sculpture Walk Peoria. This juried show was done digitally, with 138 images from 59 artists. The pieces were selected according to the consideration of outdoor setting. These pieces will be placed in the Warehouse District. Sharon Amdall explained that sponsors were asked to provide a monetary commitment for up to 3 years, this would provide longevity. It is the hopes of the SWP committee that the community feels like this is a worthwhile exhibit. Joe Richey pointed out that Mayor Ransburg is a strong supporter of the initiative.

The SWP process was first brought to the DAC because, at that time, there was no PAAC. Commissioner Reusch asked about insurance and liability, citing concern for pedestrians, especially those with children. Mr. Richey stated that the pieces are covered under general liability and accident.

Commissioner Reusch asked if the business in close proximity to the pieces would have the opportunity to be involved. Mr. Richey explained that all business were asked if they wanted to be a sponsor, but due to the landscape and design of sculptures, the location would be determined by the SWP committee. He welcomed any comments or suggestions from those who have businesses adjacent to the walk. As Mr. Amdall pointed out, this is a public street and some sculptures have mounting requirements. All pieces are for sale and Mr. Richey has been the liaison between artists, city and sponsors.

Commissioner Barnes asked if it would be clear that the work is for sale. Mr. Richey cited a similar walk in Sioux Falls where that information is clearly marked on their promotional materials.
Mr. Richey also explained that the committee is hoping to build an educational component to the walk. He had already met with the PACVB and had upcoming meetings with both the Peoria Park District and the Riverfront Association. There would also be the possibility for a People’s Choice Award.

The Commission was then invited to look at images of all of the selected pieces while Mr. Amdall explained the judging system.

Commissioner Ludwig asked how this process would have worked had the PAAC been formed prior to the planning. Commissioner Romain also stated that he was confused as to the role of the PAAC involving Public Arts Initiatives and the relationship to City Council. Ms. Peterson explained that the commission served as an advisory board to the council. Chairman Pearce explained that the Commission was actually looking at SWP at the end of their process. Had the PAAC been established earlier, then Joe Richey and his committee would have approached the PAAC and the PAAC would, in turn, have researched the process and provided suggestions to the City Council based on their findings.

Ms. Peterson explained that there were several arts initiatives that had already gone through the preliminary steps, including putting murals up in the Warehouse District. In these cases, the organizing groups were informing the PAAC of the upcoming projects that had been passed by Council. In the future, the PAAC will be one of the first groups that public arts initiatives will approach. Ms. Peterson also recommended that the Commissioners mention this group to anyone thinking of initiating public arts projects.

Ms. Peterson also reiterated that any agenda items be emailed to both her and Chairman Pearce for future meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS**
None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**
No public comment
The Downtown Advisory Commission Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:52 a.m.

Stacy Peterson, City of Peoria
City Manager’s Office