A regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Arts Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 110 of City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, IL 61602, with proper notice having been given.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.

Roll Call confirmed the following Commissioners physically present: Perry Johnson, Kim Armstrong, Jane Ohaver, Kim Armstrong, Jonathan Romain Rich Zuckerman, Jenn Gordon (Absent--Chair James Pearce.)

Guests: Ron Davis

City Staff Present: Stacy Peterson

MINUTES

Minutes from the last meeting were approved at 8:37 By Commissioner Armstrong , seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ron Davis, Sculpture Walk Peoria, noted that the art was selected for 2017. There is a special meeting planned to talk about the future of Sculpture Walk. While it is easy to expand the number of sculptures, it’s difficult to fund it. Smaller communities don’t have the funds. Larger cities have a budget to allow for purchase.

Mr. Davis stated that the last year has been a success. Between 400-500 people have taken the Saturday morning walking tour. One hour to one hour and thirty minutes are the most people can tolerate a walking tour.

The pieces were selected by a jury consisting of community leaders and members of the community. There were 71 applications last year, this year there were 64. Sculpture Walks have grown in the Midwest and Peoria pays above average.

Commissioner Armstrong pointed out that there are things that could be budgeted differently. For example, mileage is not typically paid for artists attending art fairs.

Commissioner Romain said you don’t go to a fair to sell. You go with the intent to display.
Joe Richey stated that Sioux Falls has been doing this for 13 years. There is prize money and the city purchase a piece for 15-20K.
Peoria’s SW sold 4 in the first year.

**New Business**
Commissioner Armstrong asked about the vision for the commission. Ms. Peterson explained that the group is an advisory body for public art donated or on loan. Unlike other cities that have a Dept of Art and Culture, this group works on the aforementioned issues. ArtsPartners of Central Illinois, funded by taxes, has a budget.

The Public Arts Advisory Commission Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 a.m. Motion by Commissioner Romain, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong.

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Stacy Peterson, City of Peoria City Manager’s Office