



Art Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2019

Present: Susan Blumberg-Kason, Chair; Mary Bock, Trustee; Cheryl Eden; Maria Grillo; David Marcet

Also Present: Karen Kleckner Keefe, Executive Director

Call to order at 7:35 p.m.

On a motion by Susan Blumberg-Kason and seconded by Mary Bock, the minutes of the April 30 meeting were unanimously approved.

Members of the commission introduced themselves and welcomed new members Maria Grillo and David Marcet.

Susan Blumberg-Kason invited members to join her on the tours of the Library's permanent art collection that will be given at 1 and 2 on October 5 as part of the Library's Birthday celebration.

The commission discussed artists for upcoming exhibits. They liked the artwork submitted by Eve Ozer but agreed that was very similar to the current exhibit by Joan Geary. The commission would like to invite Ozer to exhibit at a later date.

David Marcet recommended Benedictine University Art Professor William Scarlato and Benet Academy teacher Brother Kevin Coffey. He will contact both and ask about their interest/availability to exhibit.

Maria Grillo recommended Barabara Karant who has photographed the offices of the former Ebony and Jet magazines. Karant also has a collection of greyhound dog photos. She will contact Karant and ask about her interest/availability to exhibit.

Cheryl Eden recommended photographer Keith Gerling.

The commission discussed the permanent installation of the pieces from the Cleve Carney Print Portfolio. Marcet offered to help install. He will recommend hardware for the Library to purchase.

Cheryl Eden will follow up with the Zhou Brothers about the projected release date for their children's book. The commission discussed the value of tying the celebration of the Library's acquisition of this piece to something timelier.

Susan Blumberg-Kason provided Karen Keefe with feedback on the information card for the Zhou Brothers. Keefe will revise and send drafts of the Cooper and Zhou cards to commission members for final review.

Maria Grillo offered to send Keefe the names of some appraisers and other arts professionals who may have recommendations for restoration/cleaning estimates. Marcet and Grillo both recommended contacting Joel Oppenheimer, Inc, for recommendations, as well.

The commission briefly discussed a fundraising campaign to purchase additional artwork. Commission members also discussed the possibility of commissioning a mural for the Library. The discussed the public art works of Anna Soltys, in particular.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Approved: January 27, 2020