



## Philadelphia Art Commission Minutes

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 - 9:30 AM

*Members Present: José Almiñana, Deborah Cahill, Matthew Kenyatta, Raed Nasser, Sarah McEaney, Pepón Osorio, Mario Zacharjasz, and Robert Roesch*

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### Meeting of the Philadelphia Art Commission

*Beige Berryman – staff member of the Art Commission – introduced the Zoom platform and remote Art Commission process, noting that the meeting is being recorded and those participating in the meeting are giving their consent to be recorded. A link to the recording, will be posted on the Art Commission website and the meeting agenda and materials can also be found on the website at:*

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*Ms. Berryman polled the commission via roll call announcing a quorum, then stated a few instructions for the public. Members of the public may comment on agenda items during the meeting. When the agenda item that you are interested in is being discussed, you can use the “raise hand” feature and staff will unmute you during the public comment period. If you’re joining by phone, you can also use the hand raise feature by dialing \*9 during the public comment period, and if you have any submitted comments through email, staff will read those emails out loud at the appropriate time. Thank you.*

*Chairman Roesch called the meeting to order at the mark in video (00:02:04).*

### Minutes

April 12, 2023, meeting minutes

Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission, Chairman Roesch asked for a motion to approve the April Minutes (00:02:24).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner McEaney and seconded by Commissioner Nasser.*

*Consensus of the vote carried all in favor to approve the meeting minutes from April, with no nays.*



## Report of the Sign and Streetery Committee – April 26, 2023

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### Sign Applications

Second Reviews:

- 1. 55-23  
Steel Bodies**  
Ellen Phillips Samuel Memorial temporary art installation, Kelly Drive
- 2. 31-23  
Magoola**  
134 Chestnut Street

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First Reviews:

- 1. 89-23  
Fountain View**  
2 Franklin Town Boulevard
- 2. 92-23  
Science History Institute**  
315 Chestnut Street

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### Streetery Structure Applications

First Review:

- 1. 86-23  
Yakitori Boy**  
211 N 11 Street

Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or the Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion to approve the recommendations of the Sign Committee and Streetery Committee from April 26, 2023 (00:02:57).

*Ms. Berryman polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEaney, Commissioner Osorio, Commissioner Zacharjasz, and Chairman Roesch.*

*The Commission voted unanimously to approve the recommendations of the Sign Committee and Streetery Committee from April 26, 2023 (8-0).*

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## **Administrative Agenda**

### **1. 103-23**

#### **Annual Sculpture Conservation Various locations, 9 sculptures**

Review Type: Public art maintenance

Project Details: General cleaning and maintenance treatments

Applicant: Office of Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy

Ms. Berryman presented seven administrative items beginning, with the Annual Sculpture Conservation (00:03:57).

Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (00:04:31).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner Nasser and seconded by Commissioner Cahill.*

*Ms. Berryman polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEaney, Commissioner Osorio, Commissioner Zacharjasz, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve the Administrative Item Annual Sculpture Conservation Various locations, 9 sculptures (8-0).*

### **2. 99-23**

#### **10<sup>th</sup> and Mt. Vernon Playground 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Mt. Vernon Street**

Review Type: Minor construction on City property

Project Details: Routine equipment and furnishing upgrades

Applicant: Philadelphia Parks and Recreation

Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (00:05:48).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner McEaney and seconded by Commissioner Nasser.*

*Ms. Berryman polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEaney, Commissioner Osorio, Commissioner Zacharjasz, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve the Administrative Item 10th and Mt. Vernon Playground (8-0).*

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**3. 101-23**

**Baxter Water Treatment Plant Clear Well Basins Nos. 3 & 4  
8401 State Road**

Review Type: Routine construction on City property  
Project Details: Below grade facility improvements  
Applicant: Philadelphia Water Department

Commissioner Almiñana clarified that the project was related to safety, minimization of contamination, and green roof (00:07:39).

Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (00:08:10).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner Almiñana and seconded by Commissioner Cahill.*

*Ms. Berryman polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, Commissioner Zacharjasz, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve the Administrative Item Baxter Water Treatment Plant Clear Well Basins Nos. 3 & 4 (8-0).*

**4. 104-23**

**SEPTA Direct Bus B Stations  
Roosevelt Boulevard various locations**

Review Type: Fixture located in public right-of-way  
Project Details: Bus stations and amenities  
Applicant: SEPTA

*Questions and comments from the Commission at the minute mark in video (00:09:39).*

Commissioner Cahill raised concerns about the concrete and upgraded trash cans and Commissioner Almiñana mentioned Wissahickon bus shelter curb cuts/sidewalks and safety issues, which was addressed by Alicia Nardo, Project Manager for SEPTA locations. Discussion continued on the subject, maintenance, and ADA ramp.

Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (00:15:02).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner Nasser and seconded by Commissioner Kenyatta.*

*Ms. Berryman polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner*

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*Motion carried unanimously to approve the Administrative Item SEPTA Direct Bus B Stations (8-0).*

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**5. 110-23  
Bus Shelter Upgrades  
Various locations**

Review Type: Encroachment in the public right-of-way  
Project Details: Four new bus shelter installations  
Applicant: Office of Transportation, Infrastructure & Sustainability

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Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (00:16:31).

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*Upon the motion made by Commissioner Nasser and seconded by Commissioner McEaney.*

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*Motion carried unanimously to approve the Administrative Item Bus Shelter Upgrades (8-0).*

**6. 100-23  
Richmond Library  
2989 Almond Street**

Review Type: Routine construction located on City property  
Project Details: Routine roof replacement  
Applicant: Free Library of Philadelphia

Cassie O'Connell, of Rebuild, who is the Project Manager on this project, provided a status update on the Historical Commission Review at the minute mark in video (00:17:58).

*Questions and comments from the Commission (00:18:17).*

Commissioner Almiñana inquired about replacement of the ethylene propylene diene terpolymer, (EPDM) layer and gutters.

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*Upon the motion made by Commissioner McEneaney and seconded by Commissioner Almiñana.*

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*Motion carried unanimously to approve the Administrative Item Richmond Library (8-0).*

**7. 102-23**

**Charles Santore Library  
932 S 7th Street**

Review Type: Art located on City property  
Project Details: Exterior mural application  
Applicant: Free Library of Philadelphia

*Questions and comments from the Commission (00:22:20).*

Commissioner Almiñana expressed concerns about timing of the project presentation.

Phoebe Bachman, staff of Mural Arts responded and provided an overview of the project. Commissioner Osorio mentioned credibility to the artist, who is Rebecca Miller. Members of the Commission agreed.

*Questions and comments from the Public (00:26:24).*

Eugene spoke on community engagement, with the Mural Arts installation and provided an email address.

Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (00:27:18).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner McEneaney and seconded by Commissioner Nasser.*

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*Motion carried unanimously to approve the Administrative Item Charles Santore Library (8-0).*

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## Presentations for Final Review

### 1. 105-23

#### **Cobbs Creek Golf Course – Pump House and Reservoir 7400 Lansdowne Avenue**

Review Type: Construction project located on City property  
Project Details: Site improvements and building construction  
Applicant: Philadelphia Parks and Recreation  
Presenter: Blackney Hayes Architects

Before the presenter(s) began, Commission Almiñana asked for clarification because he didn't recall this particular project being viewed as a conceptual presentation (00:28:11). Chairman Roesch and Ms. Berryman confirmed.

Donald Dissinger introduced the team: Enrique Hervada, Ben Dewan, Brian Conlon, and Chris Stigler, then began the presentation (00:30:36).

Mr. Hervada continued the presentation with community engagement programs (00:47:14).

*Questions and comments from the Commission (00:49:28).*

Commissioner Zach inquired about the Pump House and Reservoir being final or concept approval and Ms. Berryman clarified. Commissioner Almiñana asked about rendering, evergreen trees being proposed, and landscape plans. Discussion continued on the subject.

Commissioner Kenyatta inquired about solar energy on the rooftop and style of the barns (01:07:52).

*Questions and comments from the Public (01:11:01).*

Lawrence Szmulowicz, resident of Cobbs Creek expressed concerns about the trees and guidelines for agricultural treatment, which was identified and addressed by Mr. Dissinger and Mr. Conlon. Discussion continued on the subject.

Commissioner Zacharjasz requested for the floor plan to be submitted to the Commission (01:16:07).

Keith Russell commented on the preferred type of trees and asked about plans to manage geese, and lighting for the Pump House.

Timothy Reimer commented on the trees and water system.

Commissioner Almiñana suggested that city water, geese, more detail about the sidewalk and trees, species, floor plan of the Pump House, and lighting return to the Commission (01:26:58). Discussion continued on the subject.

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Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion for concept approval (01:35:06).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner Nasser and seconded by Commissioner McEneaney.*

*Ms. Berryman polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, Commissioner Zacharjasz, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve as concept approval, with proviso (7-0).*

*Commissioner Cahill recused herself from this item.*

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## 2. **78-23**

### **Parkway Outpost Visitor Information and Pop-Up Shop 2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway**

Review Type: Construction on City property and within Benjamin Franklin Parkway Area Project Details: Modular structures located on apron of Philadelphia Museum of Art

Applicant: Philadelphia Parks and Recreation

Presenter: Philadelphia Visitor Center Corporation

Jennifer Nagle began the presentation at the minute mark in video (01:38:23). Diana Shacklock continued the presentation (01:39:27) followed by the design team Chara Smith, and Mike Whelan, who presented the color and signage updates (01:40:55).

*Questions and comments from the Commission (01:51:18).*

Commissioner McEneaney, Chairman Roesch, and Commissioner Zacharjasz commented on the font of letters and signage, and wall material. Additional comments from the Commission included: welcoming, LED lighting, circulation, imagery, and secondary ramp.

Bob Allen, of Parks & Recreation responded to a few suggestions made by the Commission (02:07:24).

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion for continuance (02:15:51).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner McEneaney and seconded by Commissioner Almiñana.*

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*Ms. Berryman polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, Commissioner Zacharjasz, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve the Parkway Outpost Visitor Information and Pop-Up Shop as a continuance (7-0).*

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## **Presentations for Concept Review**

### **1. 111-23**

#### **Your Move**

#### **1401 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Thomas Paine Plaza**

Review Type: Deaccession from public art collection

Project Details: Deaccession based on conditions assessment

Applicant: Office of Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy/Department of Public Property

Presenter: Office of Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy

Marguerite Anglin and Scott Kreilick began the presentation at the minute mark in video (02:17:46).

*Questions and comments from the Commission (02:33:07).*

Commissioner McEneaney inquired about the frequency of deaccessioning public art and Commissioner Cahill asked about plans for the space. Commissioner Osorio suggested making the public aware of the removal.

*Questions and comments from the Public (02:44:18).*

Dennis Boylan mentioned that he would be happy to assist Ms. Anglin with public information outreach

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion for final approval (02:44:53).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner Nasser and seconded by Commissioner Cahill.*

*Ms. Berryman polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, Commissioner Zacharjasz, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve as final approval (7-0).*

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**2. 106-23  
Public Restroom  
1400 Arch Street**

Review Type: Fixture located in public right-of-way  
Project Details: Construction of restroom near Municipal Services Building  
Applicant: Health and Human Services/Department of Public Property  
Presenter: Health and Human Services/Department of Public Property

Kathy Fisher began the presentation followed by Lauren Hoffarth, Tom McDade, and Dennis Torres (02:46:57).

*Questions and comments from the Commission (02:51:20).*

Commission Almiñana inquired about the drainage.

Ms. Hoffarth continued the presentation with community engagement process (02:57:07).

Mr. Torres, of the Redevelopment Unit addressed Chairman Roesch and Commissioner Almiñana question about the drainage (03:07:15). Commissioner Osorio asked about the outdoor and security lighting. Ms. Hoffarth responded that there was motion lighting outside.

*Questions and comments from the Public (03:09:45).*

Dennis Boylan, of Logan Square Neighborhood Association spoke on the lack of outreach.

Richard Gross, of Center City Residence Association agreed with Mr. Boylan comments about the lack of neighborhood engagement and opposed the project due to safety and sanitation concerns.

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion for final approval (03:19:35).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner Nasser and seconded by Commissioner McEneaney.*

*Ms. Berryman polled the Commission: Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve as final approval (5-0).*

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**3. 109-23**

**Walnut Lane Golf Clubhouse  
800 Walnut Lane**

Review Type: Construction project on City property  
Project Details: Building renovation and addition  
Applicant: Philadelphia Parks and Recreation  
Presenter: Kimmel Bogrette

Joe Horan began the presentation followed by Bill Hyndman and Kyle Spaulding (03:20:54).

*Questions and comments from the Commission (03:36:56).*

Commissioner Nasser inquired about the lighting, and Commissioner Cahill would've liked to have seen a plan of the existing conditions.

*Questions and comments from the Public (03:40:19).*

Keith Russell expressed hazard to birds regarding the glass.

Given the project budget of \$2.5 Million, Commissioner McEneaney asked about One Percent for Art and Chairman Roesch stated their responsibility.

Commissioner Cahill suggested to return to the Commission with existing plans, a proposed plan regarding vegetation, and glass specification, along with confirmation and beginning of the process of One Percent for Art (03:42:52).

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion for concept approval, with proviso (03:43:58).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner Nasser and seconded by Commissioner Cahill.*

*Ms. Berryman polled the Commission: Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve as concept approval, with proviso (5-0).*

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**4. 108-23**

**Tiffany Fletcher Recreation Center  
4700 Brown Street**

Review Type: Construction project on City property  
Project Details: Building and site improvements  
Applicant: Philadelphia Parks and Recreation  
Presenter: Sitio Architecture and Urbanism

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Nina Lish introduced Darby Mann and Francesco Cerrai, then gave an overview of the project before introducing the design team: Geo Fuentes, Todd Grant, Andrew Pirie and Jake Tanis (03:44:42).

Mr. Fuentes began the presentation at the minute mark in video (03:45:33).

*Questions and comments from the Commission (03:56:03).*

Commissioner Cahill commented on the wonderful dedication and Commissioner McEneaney commented on the glass and lighting.

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion for final approval (03:56:47).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner McEneaney and seconded by Commissioner Cahill.*

*Ms. Berryman polled the Commission: Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve as final approval (5-0).*

## 5. 107-23

### **Agriculture Resource Center 4300 S. Concourse Drive**

Review Type: Construction project on City property  
Project Details: Modular structures located in West Fairmount Park  
Applicant: Philadelphia Parks and Recreation  
Presenter: Studio Bryan Hanes

Donnel Brown, of Farm Philly began the presentation at the minute mark in video (03:58:38). Rebekah Armstrong continued the presentation with the context plan, community engagement, and construction of the project.

*Questions and comments from the Commission (04:11:45).*

Commissioner Cahill inquired about the raised deck, plan view of secondary road, and gravel drive. Commissioner McEneaney asked about the range of tools. Commissioner Osorio expressed words of encouragement.

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion to return to the Commission, with an alternate solution for the drive (04:18:25).

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*Upon the motion made by Commissioner Cahill and seconded by Commissioner McEneaney.*

*Ms. Berryman polled the Commission: Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve as concept approval, with proviso (5-0).*

**6. 112-23**

**The Cliffs Equestrian Stables  
3400 Reservoir Drive**

Review Type: Construction project on City property  
Project Details: Equestrian stables and barn  
Applicant: Philadelphia Parks and Recreation  
Presenter: Philadelphia Parks and Recreation

Nina Lish began the presentation began at the minute mark in video (04:19:25).

*Questions and comments from the Commission (04:27:00).*

Commissioner Cahill asked about the existing trees. Commissioner Osorio inquired about outside lighting, and Commissioner McEneaney asked about the budget, which is \$510,000.

*Questions and comments from the Public (04:29:24).*

Kevin Donley asked about the construction for the highly used surrounding woods.

Keith Russell expressed concerns about habitat for birding.

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion for final approval (04:34:00).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner McEneaney and seconded by Commissioner Osorio.*

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Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission, Chairman Roesch asked for a motion to adjourn the May Art Commission (04:34:33).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner Cahill and seconded by Commissioner Nasser. Motion carried with no nays.*

This concluded the May 10, 2023, Philadelphia Art Commission.

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