



## Philadelphia Art Commission Minutes

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 - 9:30 AM

*Members Present: José Almiñana, Deborah Cahill, Carmen Febo San Miguel, Matthew Kenyatta, Raed Nasser, Sarah McEneaney, Pepón Osorio, and Robert Roesch*

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### Meeting of the Philadelphia Art Commission

*Alex Smith – 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:  
(<https://www.phila.gov/departments/philadelphia-art-commission/>).*

*Mr. Smith 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 (00:02:31).*

### Report of the Sign and Streeter Committee – May 31, 2023

#### Sign Applications

First Reviews:

- 1. 121-23**  
**Je Suis Jolie**  
1824 Chestnut Street
- 2. 122-23**  
**City Fitness**  
2112 Fairmount Avenue
- 3. 123-23**  
**Loch Bar**  
311-19 S Broad Street

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- 4. 126-23**  
**Wells Fargo**  
123 S Broad Street

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### **Streeterly Structure Applications**

First Reviews:

- 1. 124-23**  
**Fiorella Pasta Bar**  
817 Christian Street
- 2. 125-23**  
**Cantina Dos Segundos**  
931 N 2nd Street

Second Review:

- 1. 59-23**  
**Lucha Cartel**  
207 Chestnut 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 Streeterly Committee from May 31, 2023 (00:03:24).

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

*Mr. Smith polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEaney, Commissioner Osorio, and Chairman Roesch.*

*The Commission voted unanimously to approve the recommendations of the Sign Committee and Streeterly Committee from May 31, 2023 (8-0).*

### **Administrative Agenda**

- 1. 134-23**  
**Bone Whistle Deaccession**  
**Object in City's Public Art Collection**  
Review Type: Deaccession from public art collection  
Project Details: National Park Service managed item required to be repatriated  
Applicant: Office of Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy

Mr. Smith presented four administrative items beginning, with the Bone Whistle Deaccession (00:04:16).

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Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (00:05:15).

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

*Mr. Smith polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve the Administrative Item Bone Whistle Deaccession (8-0).*

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## 2. 135-23

### **Butler and Percy Play Lot 919 W. Butler Street**

Review Type: Minor construction on City property  
Project Details: Routine equipment and furnishing replacement  
Applicant: Philadelphia Parks and Recreation

Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (00:06:49).

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

*Mr. Smith polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, and Chairman Roesch.*

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

## 3. 136-23

### **Suffolk Playground 7401 Lindbergh Boulevard**

Review Type: Minor construction on City property  
Project Details: Routine equipment and furnishing replacement  
Applicant: Philadelphia Parks and Recreation

Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (00:08:14).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner Febo San Miguel and seconded by Commissioner Osorio.*

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*Parks & Recreation Project Coordinator addressed Commissioner Almiñana question about trees at the minute mark in video (00:09:05).*

Due to the budget, the trees are unable to be proposed at this phase of the project, Commissioner Almiñana recommended to convey to PPR, partnership with DHS, or another organization that could help to fill the gap. Members of the Commission agreed.

*Mr. Smith polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve the Administrative Item Suffolk Playground (8-0).*

#### 4. 137-23

##### **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

Questions and comments from the Commission (00:12:58).

Commissioner Almiñana clarified with Mr. Smith that the Commission should assume the Bus Shelter Upgrades had been reviewed by the Streets Department and that it complies with all their regulations. Mr. Smith stated that it was safe for the Commission to assume yes.

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (00:13:40).

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

*Mr. Smith polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, and Chairman Roesch.*

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

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## Presentations for Final Review

### 1. 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

Diana Shacklock introduced the project team followed by Jennifer Nagle, who began the presentation (00:15:21) followed by Robert Allen, Dan Bosin, and Chara Smith (00:19:25).

*Questions and comments from the Commission (00:31:31).*

Chairman Roesch raised concerns about the tint and color of the sign, material, and flow chart. Commissioner McEneaney inquired about the area where visitors may use as a photo opt near the planters that are in place. Commissioner Febo San Miguel commented on the Rocky image representing Philadelphia. Discussion continued on the topic.

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairman Roesch asked for a motion (00:47:41).

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

*Questions and comments from the Commission continued at the minute mark in video (00:47:56).*

Discussion continued between the Commission and Presenters about the greeting, colors, site management, maintenance of plants and structure concerning the entrance, and accessibility ramp, that which Ms. Nagle stated, that the ramp was built to code and disagreed with Commissioner Almiñana comment.

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Mr. Smith restated Chairman Roesch request for a motion had been made to move forward and began polling the Commission (00:58:52). Discussion between the Commission and Presenters continued (00:59:59).

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*Polled members of the Commission: Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried to approve (5-3).*

*Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, and Commissioner Nasser abstained.*

**2. 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: Cobbs Creek Foundation

Donald Dissinger and Enrique Hervada began the presentation at the minute mark in video (01:07:05).

*Questions and comments from the Commission (01:38:09).*

Commissioner Almiñana reiterated that the project had been reviewed and approved by the governing authorities, including the Philadelphia Water Department, which is the standard that needs to be met.

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (01:40:08).

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

*Mr. Smith polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Commissioner Cahill abstained.*

*Motion carried to approve (7-1).*

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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 (01:41:46).

*Questions and comments from the Commission (01:47:09).*

Commissioner Almiñana and Commissioner Cahill inquired about the extent of pavement, enclosed addition, trees, and drip line (01:47:09).

Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (01:50:13).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner Nasser and seconded by Commissioner Febo San Miguel*

*Mr. Smith polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner Osorio, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve Walnut Lane Golf Clubhouse (8-0).*

**4. 77-23**

**Cecil B. Moore Recreation Center  
2551 N 22nd Street**

Review Type: Construction project on City property  
Project Details: Building and site improvements  
Applicant: Philadelphia Parks and Recreation  
Presenter: Kelly Maiello Architects

Troy Leonard began the presentation (01:51:34) followed by Kristen Loughry who discussed the site and landscaping design, including the team responses to the Commission requests (01:54:23).

*Questions and comments from the Commission (02:04:23).*

Commissioner Cahill had questions about trees in the concrete, dimension of tree pit, and One Percent for Art followed by Commissioner Almiñana, who wanted to know how water was being managed on the site and requested to consider ironwood on the eastside of the building.

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Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (02:12:05).

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

*Mr. Smith polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve Cecil B. Moore Recreation Center (8-0).*

**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

Rebekah Armstrong began the presentation at the minute mark in video (02:14:17).

*Questions and comments from the Commission (02:20:48).*

Chairman Roesch commended the redesign of the driveway. Commissioner Cahill asked about the material of the secondary drive. Additional comments were made about access to the driveway by Commissioner Almiñana.

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (02:24:25).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner McEneaney and seconded by Commissioner Febo San Miguel.*

*Mr. Smith polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner McEneaney, Commissioner Osorio, and Chairman Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve Agriculture Resource Center (8-0).*

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## Presentations for Concept Review

### 1. 138-23

#### **Tacony Boat Launch 7071 Milnor Street**

Review Type: Construction project on City property  
Project Details: Park site improvements and new building construction  
Applicant: Philadelphia Parks and Recreation  
Presenter: NV5

Rosa Mannion began the presentation at the minute mark in video (02:25:27).

*Questions and comments from the Commission.*

Members of the Commission highly commended the project.

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (03:04:03).

*Upon the motion made by Commissioner Febo San Miguel and seconded by Commissioner Cahill.*

*Mr. Smith polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner McEaney, Commissioner Osorio, and Chairman Roesch.*

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

### 2. 139-23

#### **River Soundings 601 N Columbus Boulevard (a.k.a. Festival Pier)**

Review Type: Public art  
Project Details: New outdoor sculpture for PHDC Percent for Art program  
Applicant: Philadelphia Housing Development Corporation (PHDC)  
Presenter: Haddad|Drugan

(03:05:57) Kacie Liss began the presentation followed by Laura Haddad and Tom Drugan, who continued presentation with the history and inspiration of the project at the minute mark in video (03:09:22).

*Questions and comments from the Commission (03:22:52).*

Chairman Roesch stated for the record, that the Commission no longer had a quorum. On behalf of Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Febo San Miguel mentioned the interference of birds and Chairman Roesch told the presenters that review from the Coast Guard may be needed concerning any bells or sound device along the river. Commissioner Cahill agreed and added the impact on residents as well.

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Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion (03:26:27).

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

Chairman Roesch stated for the record, that the Art Commission no longer had quorum and could take no action for River Soundings. Additionally, the final project on the agenda, 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Woodland Avenue Recreation Center couldn't be heard as well (03:25:57).

Mr. Smith noted that staff would follow up with presenters via email.

This concluded the June 14, 2023, Philadelphia Art Commission (03:26:40).

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**The next Art Commission will be held Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.**

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