



## Philadelphia Art Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 - 9:30 AM

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*Members Present: Carmen Febo San Miguel, Matthew Kenyatta, Raed Nasser, Pepón Osorio, James Lowe, Rebecca Segall, and Robert Roesch*

### **MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA ART COMMISSION**

Alex Smith – Director of the Art Commission – began the meeting and 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.

Chairperson Roesch called the meeting to order at the mark in video (00:02:40).

### **MEETING MINUTES**

- August 14, 2024
- September 11, 2024

Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission nor public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion to approve the August and September 2024 Meeting Minutes (00:03:41).

*The vote was taken by consensus.*

*The Commission voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from August and September 2024 Art Commission meeting minutes, with no nays.*

### **REPORT OF THE SIGN AND STREETERY COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**

#### **Sign Applications**

*First Reviews:*

1. 222-24

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- SEPTA Metro Signage – 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**  
2<sup>nd</sup> & Market Streets
2. **223-24**  
**SEPTA Metro Signage – 5<sup>th</sup> Street**  
5<sup>th</sup> & Market Streets
3. **224-24**  
**SEPTA Metro Signage – Spring Garden**  
Spring Garden & Front Streets
4. **254-24**  
**Center City District**  
100 S Broad Street
5. **246-24**  
**Starbucks**  
1000-32 Chestnut Street
6. **247-24**  
**BOTLD**  
119 S 18<sup>th</sup> Street
7. **248-24**  
**Satori Laser**  
1921 Chestnut Street
8. **249-24**  
**Paul Morelli**  
510 Walnut Street
9. **250-24**  
**Masala Kitchen**  
1115 Walnut Street
10. **251-24**  
**Surf City Square**  
1206 Walnut Street
11. **252-24**  
**Quality Inn & Suites**  
1208 Walnut Street
12. **253-24**  
**Framebridge**  
1734 Chestnut Street

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Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion to approve the Recommendations of the Sign Committee and Streetery Committee from September 25, 2024 (00:04:09).

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

*The vote was taken by consensus.*

*The Commission voted unanimously to approve the recommendations of the Sign Committee and Streetery Committee from September 25, 2024.*

### **RECONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIGN & STREETERY COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

- 1. 163-24**  
**The Mark**  
3615 Chestnut Street

Elieen Quigly recapped the application and proposed signage project at the minute mark in video (00:05:13).

Taylor Chin began the presentation at (00:06:51)

Alex Smith clarified that this was initially presented at the June 26, 2024, Sign and Streetery Committee Meeting. It was referred to the full Art Commission for reconsideration at the September 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 Art Commission meeting and asked back today, October 9, 2024. Mr. Smith also clarified that no public comment took place at the June 26, 2024 SSC meeting as previously stated at the September 2024 meeting. (00:14:50)

*Questions and comments from the Commission (00:16:32).*

*Commissioner Osorio stated that he did not see any signage for pedestrian level. This was answered by Mr. Smith that there were previous signs that have been approved and the reconsideration was for the Building ID signage only.*

*Commissioner Kenyatta wanted to know why this was originally disapproved and if light pollution was considered, Elieen Quigly conveyed that this sign packaged has been studied since 2022 and the lighting limits are by right according to the zoning code.*

*There was additional conversation among the Commissioners about signage vs. branding and how people would identify the building by the sign.*

*Questions and comments from the public (00:32:22).*

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Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or the public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion to approve (00:32:32).

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*Upon the motion made by Commissioner Fabo San Miguel and seconded by Commissioner Kenyatta*

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*Mr. Smith polled the Commission: Commissioner Jordan-Miller, Commissioner Lowe, Commissioner Osorio, Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Segall, and Commission Chairperson Roesch*

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*Motion carried unanimously to approve the applicant's proposal and the Reconsideration of the Recommendation of the Sign & Streetery Committee (6-0).*

Alex M. Smith  
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## **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

### **1. 213-23**

#### **Chief Tamanend Statue - Update**

#### **1301 N Beach Street**

Review Type: Public Art

Project Details: New bronze sculpture of Chief Tamanend

Applicant: Creative Philadelphia

Alex Smith began the administrative agenda for the meeting and introduced Margurite Anglin of Creative Philadelphia (00:34:28)

Creative Philadelphia (formerly known as the Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy) is requesting administrative approval for the updates to the Chief Tamanend statue proposed to be installed at Penn Treaty Park at 1301 N Beach Street. This public art sculpture is proposed by the Chief Tamanend at Penn Treat Park Committee and is to be donated to the City of Philadelphia's permanent public art collection.

Several modifications to the statues design have been made by the artist at the guidance of the Federal Tribes. These changes more accurately represent Chief Tamanend and the Lenape Community and were approved by various stakeholder groups.

The updates include changes to the following:

- Physique:** The design has been revised to show less muscle definition reflecting a more realistic representation of Chief Tamanend.
- Clothing:** The design has been revised to provide more rear coverage at the breechcloth Chief Tamanend is wearing.
- Headdress:** The headdress has been removed, in response to a concern that the provision of a headdress may not be historically accurate.

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- **Necklace:** The original design showed Chief Tamanend wearing 2 necklaces,
  - 1) a symbolic turtle shaped necklace stylistically referencing Tamanend's connection to the Turtle clan.
  - 2) a necklace pouch. The artist removed the necklace pouch from the revised design and revised the turtle necklace to be an outline of a turtle instead of a turtle shell at the Federal Tribes recommendation.
- **Leggings:** The leggings have been changed to mid-thigh height which is more accurate for Lenape men of Tamanend's age and finally,
- **Hairstyle:** Chief Tamanend's hairstyle has been updated to reflect the hairstyle typically worn by Lenape men.

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*Questions and comments from the Commission (00:41:34).*

*Commissioner Febo San Miguel stated that she appreciates the effort to be historically accurate.*

*Commissioner Lowe had a question if the feathers in the hair were agreed upon by the federal tribes. Marguerite answered yes, they were agreed upon.*

*There was future discussion about signage and the location of statue in the park. Commissioner Kenyatta had remarks about the non-opposition letter that was provided by the Friends of Penn Treat Park (00:46:00).*

*Commissioner Osorio asked if there are any plans for lighting. Marguerite answered that Parks and Recreation will be providing the lighting.*

Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or the Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion to approve (00:52:38).

*The vote was taken by consensus.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve the administrative item (6-0).*

## **2. 260-24**

### **Indego IKE Smart City Kiosks Various Locations (5)**

Review Type: Encroachments located within City Right-of-Way

Project Details: Five new Indego IKE Smart City Kiosk installations

Applicant: Bicycle Transit Systems (BTS) (on behalf of the Office of Transportation and Infrastructure Systems (OTIS))

Alex Smith summarized the second administrative agenda item (00:53:15)

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Bicycle Transit Systems (BTS) on behalf of the Indego and the Office of Transportation and Infrastructure Systems is seeking administrative approval for five new IKE Smart City kiosks at the intersections of:

- 17th & Cherry
- 16th & Cherry
- 2nd & Fairmount
- 11th & Filbert
- 5th & Bainbridge

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At the February 2024 Art Commission meeting, the applicant team received final approval for the overall IKE Kiosk system, and it was agreed by the Commission that specific locations would be reviewed as administrative items moving forward. As a quick reminder - the IKE Smart City Kiosk is an interactive digital kiosk that will be attached to an Indego bikeshare station, providing public service information, advertising, and neighborhood information.

For each location, the kiosk location is also being reviewed by the Streets Department for compliance with Complete Street and dimensional standards. Additional information has been provided by the applicant team regarding ridership info based on previous requests from the Commission.

Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or the Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a consensus vote (00:54:25).

*The vote was taken by consensus.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve the administrative item (6-0).*

### 3. 261-24

#### **Bus Shelter Upgrades Various Locations (8)**

Review Type: Encroachments located within City Right-of-Way

Project Details: Eight new bus shelter installations

Applicant: Office of Transportation and Infrastructure Systems (OTIS)

Alex Smith summarized the third administrative agenda item (00:54:55)

The Office of Transportation and Infrastructure Systems (OTIS), in partnership with Intersection, has submitted a series of bus shelter upgrades as part of their on-going shelter improvement program. The Art Commission typically reviews new or replacement bus shelter locations several times a year as administrative items. Today's proposal is for eight new bus shelters at various locations around the city. These are the original bus shelter series, not the recently approved narrow shelters. All the locations are proposing new shelters where currently no shelter exists. For each location, the shelter's location is also being reviewed by the Streets Department for compliance with Complete Street and dimensional standards. A representative from OTIS or Intersection is in attendance to answer any questions you may have.

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- Cottman Av & Oxford Av - FS
- Oregon Av & 23rd St - FS
- Erie Av & Castor Av
- Hunting Park Av & Fox St - FS
- Erie Av & Whitaker Av

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Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or the Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a consensus vote (00:56:42).

*The vote was taken by consensus.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve the administrative item (6-0).*

Alex M. Smith  
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**4. 262-24**  
**MSB Tower Façade Renovation**  
**1401 JFK Blvd**

Review Type: Construction project on City Property  
Project Details: Restoration and rehabilitation of exterior facade  
Applicant: Department of Public Property (DPP)

Alex Smith summarized the final administrative agenda item. (00:57:15)

The Department of Public Property, with consultants DIGroup Architecture, are seeking administrative approval for façade restoration work to MBS at 1401 JFK Blvd.

The project originated with a 2021 façade inspection, which noted several deficiencies and unsafe conditions including cracked granite panels, deteriorated sealants, deteriorated window gaskets and cracked windows. The proposed scope of work will include the restoration or replacement of granite faced precast panels to be secured with the installation of new anchors, joints to be raked and re-sealed with new sealant for both the granite faced panels and windows and other restoration and cleaning work where necessary.

*Questions and comments from the Commission (00:58:32).*

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or the Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for consensus vote (00:59:00).

*The vote was taken by consensus.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve the administrative item (6-0).*

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## **PRESENTATIONS FOR FINAL REVIEW**

### **1. 118-24**

#### **30<sup>th</sup> Street Station – Market Street Plaza 30<sup>th</sup> & Market Streets**

Review Type: Construction within City Right-of-Way

Project Details: Exterior site improvements

Applicant: Amtrak and Plenary Infrastructure Philadelphia

Presenter: Plenary Infrastructure Philadelphia

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John Bonck began the presentation at the minute mark in video (01:00:02). He introduced Holy MacNeish and Tom Bonner from Plenary to give background on the project.

David Ostrich from WRT provided a presentation on the updates to the Market Street Plaza at 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station (01:03:39). Eliezer Lee spoke to the lighting design on the project (01:08:27). David Ostrich continued to address the comments and questions asked at the concept review.

Commissioner Kenyatta expressed that he appreciated the summary of the updates for the project (01:13:12).

*Questions and comments from the Public (01:14:26).*

Dorothy had concerns about using turf in the area due to maintenance concerns and longevity of use. David stated that there was no desire to use synthetic turf at this time and Holly noted they have a maintenance plan in place. The applicant team is prepared to maintain the turf and all plantings. The maintenance and operation of the space is part of a 50 year contract with company JCI.

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or the public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion to approve (01:17:04).

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

*Mr. Smith polled the Commission: Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Kenyatta, Commissioner Lowe, Commissioner Osorio, Commissioner Segall, and Commission Chairperson Roesch*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve for final review (6-0).*

### **2. 183-24**

#### **Snyder Station ADA Improvements S Broad Street & Snyder Avenue**

Review Type: Encroachments located within City Right-of-Way

Project Details: New ADA elevator and headhouse improvements

Applicant: SEPTA

Presenter: Kelly Maiello Architects (KMA)

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Victor Guarino began the presentation at the minute mark in video (01:19:13) .

*Questions and comments from Commissioners (01:31:10).*

*Commissioner Lowe asked about the lighting and Commissioner Kenyatta requested additional information about the proposed materials of the headhouse. Conversations continued about SEPTA's goal of standardizing all the system's headhouse structures.*

*Chairperson Roesch requested grey grout to be used for the glass block rather than white grout.*

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or the public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion to approve (01:37:38).

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

*Mr. Smith polled the Commission: Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Kenyatta , Commissioner Lowe, Commissioner Osorio, Commissioner Segall, and Commission Chairperson Roesch*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve for final review (6-0).*

## **PRESENTATIONS FOR CONCEPT REVIEW**

### **1. 263-24**

#### **SEPTA 40<sup>th</sup> Street Substation 3940 Baltimore Avenue**

Review Type: Construction on City Property

Project Details: New one-story substation building and associated site improvements

Applicant: SEPTA

Presenter: STV inc.

Brandon Swartley from STV Inc. started presentation (01:39:15)

*Questions and comments from the Commission (01:49:38).*

Commissioner Febo San Miguel asked about the heritage tree, specifically noting that if it is being removed, will be replaced. Brandon stated that one of two heritage trees will be removed for this project and the applicant team is utilizing the fee in lieu process to meet landscaping requirements. Mr. Smith confirmed the landscape waiver process.

The Commissioners agree that nighttime light renderings should be presented during the final review.

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Commissioner Lowe noted similar comments about the heritage tree and asked a series of questions about lighting and access.

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*Questions and comments from Public (01:54:57).*

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Will Tung expressed concerned about multiple curb cuts and if there will be shelter for the bus layover. Daniel Lyons, from SEPTA, explained that they are required to have the two curb cuts for a maintenance perspective. Commissioner Febo San Miguel requested further clarification on the need for two curb cuts.

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Commissioner Lowe suggested possibly raising the curb cuts to sidewalk level for priority of pedestrians. Daniel Lyons noted that they can raise the curb cut sidewalk.

Chairperson Roesch requested additional information on the wall structures.

Alex M. Smith  
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Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or the Public, Chairperson Roesch asked for a motion to approve with proposed changes (02:09:30).

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

*Mr. Swartley requested further information about the canopy. Mr. Lyons clarified projects were separate (Woodland Avenue improvements with OTIS, the substation is SEPTA). Mr. Lyons noted they need to work with OTIS on this request. Commissioner Lowe noted there is limited space for a bus shelter and requested to look into a canopy on the building as a shelter for busses.*

*Mr. Smith recapped the requests of the applicant team and requested the motion again.*

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

*Mr. Smith polled the Commission: Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Lowe, Commissioner Osorio, Commissioner Segall, and Commission Chairperson Roesch.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve for final approval (6-0).*

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Commission Chair Roesch asked for a motion to adjourn the October 9, 2024 meeting (02:10:24).

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

*Motion carried with no nays to adjourn the October 9, 2024, Philadelphia Art Commission.*

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