



Philadelphia Art Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 - 9:30 AM

Members Present: Carmen Febo San Miguel, Jose Almiñana, Raed Nasser, Pepón Osorio, Rebecca Segall, Vincent Krakaukas, and Robert Roesch

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MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA ART COMMISSION

Katherine Liss on Behalf of Art Director Alex Smith – began the meeting by welcoming everyone to the January 8, 2025 Art Commission Meeting.

*Ms. Liss polled the commission via roll call, 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.*

Vincent Krakaukas joined this month on behalf of Commissioner James Lowe.

Commission Chair Roesch called the meeting to order and announced a quorum at the minute mark in video (00:03:09).

MEETING MINUTES

- December 11, 2024

Commission Chair Roesch asked for a motion to approve December 11, 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes (00:04:07)

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

Consensus of the vote was carried all in favor to approve December 11, 2024 Art Commission Meeting Minutes, with no nays.

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REPORT OF THE SIGN & STREETERY COMMITTEE – December 18, 2024

Second Reviews:

1. **323-24**
Walnut Smoke Shop
733 Walnut Street

First Reviews:

1. **299-24**
30th Street Station – Exterior Wayfinding
2955 Market Street
2. **344-24**
Jordan Brand – World of Flight
1617 Walnut Street
3. **341-24**
Courtyard by Marriott
1419-27 Arch Street
4. **342-24**
McDonald's
1604 Chestnut Street
5. **343-24**
Tacobee's
236 Market Street
6. **345-24**
Mejuri
1525 Walnut Street
7. **346-24**
Bond Vet
2101 Walnut Street
8. **347-24**
Movement
340 N 10th Street

Seeing no questions or comments from the Public or Commission Chair, Roesch asked for a motion to approve the Sign Committee and Streetery Committee of December 18, 2024 (00:04:39).

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Upon the motion made by Commissioner Nasser and seconded by Commissioner Almiñana.

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The vote was taken by consensus. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the recommendations of the Sign Committee and Streetery Committee from December 18, 2024.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. 1-25

Public Art Conservation Various Locations

Review Type: Public Art

Project Details: Annual conservation work of Public Art sculptures

Applicant: Creative Philadelphia

Katherine Liss presented two Administrative Items to the Commission, beginning with Public Art Conservation. All Administrative Items required a consensus vote (00:05:07).

Creative Philadelphia seeking administrative approval of conservation work for the following City of Philadelphia owned public art sculptures to take place during 2024-2025. All of the artworks listed below have either received conservation treatment or are in process of receiving treatment due to work that was identified to be time sensitive or high priority.

1. Firefighter's Arc by Jill Sablosky and Erica Ehrenbard, Engine 37, 101 Highland Ave
2. Giraffe by Harold Kimmelman, Junod Playground, 12770 Dunks Ferry Rd
3. Bear by Dexter Jones, Columbia Ave Playground, 11th and Cecil B Moore
4. Art, Science, and Knowledge by Edna Andrade, Cecil B. Moore Branch Library, 2320 Cecil B. Moore Ave
5. African Legends by Robert Phillips, Widener Branch Library, 2808-2826 West Lehigh Ave
6. Butterfly in Cocoon by Joseph C. Baily, Dendy Playground, 10th and Jefferson St.
7. Dickens & Little Nell by Frank Edwin Elwell, Clark Park, 43rd and Chester Ave
8. Bear Cubs with Frog by George Papashvily, West Oak Lane Library, 2000 Washington Ln
9. General Tadeusz Kosciuszko by Marian Konieczny, 18th and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway
10. Point by Rebecca Rose, Athletic Recreation Center, 26th and Master
11. Washington Monument by Rudolph Siemering, 26th and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway
12. Bird by Harold Kimmelman, Roosevelt Playground, 6455 Walker St
13. Word Wall by David Cerulli, Max Myers Recreation Center, 1601 Hellerman St.
14. El Ritmo del Centro by Amber Art and Design, Rivera Recreation Center and Mann Older Adult Center, 3201 N. 5th St
15. Looking Toward the Future, Looking Toward the Past by Charles Searles, West Oak Lane Branch

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Library, 74th and Washington Ln

16. Deborah Fisher Wharton Memorial Pylons (artist unknown), Fisher Park, 571 W Spencer St

17. Acrobat Doing Handspring by Harold Kimmelman, Houseman Playground, 5091 Summerdale Ave

18. Tiger Chased by Chipmunk by Henry Mitchell, Olney Branch Library, 5501 N. 5th St

19. Batter by Joseph Brown, Citizens Bank Park

20. Play at Second Base by Joseph Brown, Citizens Bank Park

21. Mr Baseball (Connie Mack) by Harry Rosin, Citizens Bank Park

22. Hive by Kate Kaman, Maplewood Mall

23. Seaweed Girl by Beatrice Fenton, Fairmount Park Horticultural Center

24. Centennial Fountain by Margaret Foley, Fairmount Park Horticultural Center

Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or the Public, Chair Roesch asked for a motion to approve (00:06:23).

Upon the motion made by Commissioner Almiñana and seconded by Commissioner Nasser.

The vote was taken by consensus. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the administrative item.

2. 2-25

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)

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. Art Commission staff have reviewed and recommend for approval.

- Greene St Hansberry St
- Malvern Av & 66th St
- 56th St & Race St
- 52nd St & Race St
- Oregon Ave & 3rd St
- 56th St & Christian St
- Oregon Ave & 2nd St
- 54th St & Woodland Av

Commissioner Almiñana stated that by reviewing this type of submission before there is always consideration with replacing curbs and sidewalks adjacent to the shelters. He

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wanted to make sure that the shelters being discussed would follow the same strategy. Katherine Liss stated that her understating is that the surrounding sidewalks will be improved if necessary. (00:08:03)

Commissioner Nasser asked if the signed will be digital or static? Katherine Liss will verify this information (00:09:59)

Seeing no questions or comments from the Commission or the Public, Chair Roesch asked for a motion to approve (00:10:42).

Upon the motion made by Commissioner Almiñana and seconded by Commissioner Nasser.

The vote was taken by consensus. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the administrative item.

PRESENTATIONS FOR CONCEPT REVIEW

1. 3-25

Sky Flowers - Public Art Bonus (Legalization)

1201 Vine Street

Review Type: Public Art provided pursuant to Philadelphia Zoning Code Bonus

Project Details: Legalization of mural on private property utilizing Public Art Bonus

Applicant: Meritis Group LLC

Presenter: Meritis Group LLC and Joseph Klibansky

James De Beradine began the presentation at the minute mark in video (00:13:30). At (18:23) he read a letter from the artist Joseph Klibansky.

Questions from Commission (00:20:32)

Commissioner Almiñana asked where would the lighting be placed and if it is dimmable? James stated that the lighting will be around the work and is dimmable.

Commissioner Almiñana and Roesch agreed that warmer light would be better due to it enhancing the yellow color.

Commissioner Febo San Miguel asked if there was an effort with the plaque to provide information in varies languages. She suggested using a QR code. James agreed that using QR code should not be an issue.

Commissioners carried conversation on about the size, surface, lighting and longevity of this art piece (00:23:59)

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or the public, Chair Roesch asked for a motion to approve (00:28:51).

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Upon the motion made by Commissioner Nasser and seconded by Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Ms. Liss polled the Commission: Commissioner Almiñana, Commissioner Febo San Miguel, Commissioner Krakaukas, Commissioner Nasser, Commissioner Osorio, Commissioner Segall, and Commission Chair Roesch.

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Motion carried unanimously to approve for final approval with recommendations (7-0).

2. 4-25

East Passyunk Community Center 1025 Mifflin Street

Review Type: Construction project located on City property
Project Details: Exterior site improvements
Applicant: Philadelphia Parks & Recreation
Presenter: Gilmore & Associates Inc.

Jordan Warner Landscape Designer from Gilmore and Associates began the presentation at the minute mark in video (00:33:00). John Keiser continued the presentation at (00:40:09)

Questions and comments from the Commission (00:49:03).

Commissioner Roesch inquired if the percent for art piece on site had to be replaced due to the removal of art in this project. Jordan responded that they did not come across the one percent for art requirement and is continuing discussion about percent of art with Creative Philadelphia.

Commissioner Segall asked if additional seating was considered near the play area. The current seating is far from the play area for parents.

Commissioner Krakauskas asked what the budget is? John answered that the budget is not set but is less than a million dollars.

Commissioner Febo San Miguel and commissioner Almiñana continued conversation about the lighting for this project (00:54:12)

Margurite Anglin from Creative Philadelphia clarified that if the budget is less than a million, there is not a requirement for percent for art (00:58:33)

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Commission or the public, Chair Roesch asked for a motion to approve for the concept with additional details for lighting, seating, tree plan and relocation of artwork (01:01:46:00).

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

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Motion carried unanimously to approve for concept approval (7-0).

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Commission, Chair Roesch adjourn *the January 8, 2025 Philadelphia Art Commission.*
(01:03:59).

The next Art Commission will be held February 12, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Alex M. Smith
Director