

Approved as Revised

Syracuse Public Art Commission
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2024
Common Council Chambers
5:30 p.m.

I. Attendance

Present: Elias Gwinn, Emanuel Carter, Michael John Heagerty, Davana Robedee, Kelly Sickler, Tina Zagya

Absent: Ellen Blalock, Lauren Boldon, Bennie Guzman, Anita Welych, Blondean Young

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

II. Regular Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

III. Review Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes of October 10, 2023. T. Zagya made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by E. Gwinn. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.

IV. Old Business

No Old Business

V. New Business

SPAC 24-01 *Makahiya*, Crystal Z Campbell (Light Work UVP Spring 2024 Exhibition). Anneke Herre (Light Work) presented the application for the Spring 2024 UVP exhibition titled *Makahiya* by artist Crystal Z Campbell. It is an original work commissioned by the UVP and will be screened February 22 through June 1, 2024 at the Everson UVP site. A. Herre played the video for the commission and presented the artist's statement regarding the work and their biography. D. Robedee made a motion to approve the application as submitted, which was seconded by E. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Discussion

City as Canvas Update: T. Zagya reported that the Valley and Franklin Square neighborhoods are the final TNT sectors to be part of the original round of the *City As Canvas* mural program. Applications should be ready for SPAC review at the June meeting. She noted that the Franklin Square neighborhood has had difficulty identifying an appropriate location for a new mural. One possibility they are considering is to have an artist paint a series of movable precast concrete T panels that the Parks Department can place at the entrances/exits to the Onondaga Creekwalk and Empire State Trail. T. Zagya also noted that TNT would use its funds to hire local videographer Michael Calobrisi to complete a mini documentary of the murals in the *City As Canvas* program. The documentary would be housed on the TNT website and linked to the city's new Public Art

website. QR codes at each mural would also link the viewer to the documentary and website.

Staff transition: MJ. Heagerty reported that interviews for the new public art coordinator position were underway. He noted the high caliber of the candidates. An announcement for the position should be coming soon.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.