

# MINUTES

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## ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RESCHEDULED MEETING

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 – 3:30 PM

The Lincoln Center, Founders Room

### 1. CALL TO ORDER: 3:40 PM

### 2. ROLL CALL

- a) Board Members Present – Natalie Barnes, Kathy Bauer, Myra Powers, Renee Sherman, Heidi Shuff, Christopher Staten, and Nancy Zola
- b) Board Members Absent –
- c) Staff Members Present – Ellen Martin, Liz Good, Libby Colbert, Amanda Castelli, Nick Combs, Kellie Gorman
- d) City Council Liaison – Councilmember Susan Gutowsky
- e) Guests – Allie Ogg, Gregory Fields

### 3. AGENDA REVIEW

### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, November 20, 2024

Ms. Powers moved to approve the minutes  
Ms. Zola seconded.  
Unanimously approved.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

#### a) ARTIST IN RESIDENCE UPDATE

Ms. Martin introduced the team including Kellie Gorman and Nick Combs from Utilities Customer Connections and APP Project Manager Libby Colbert. Artist Allie Ogg was also in attendance. This was the first time the APP has had an artist in residence project. The goal was to have an artist learn about the functions of the utility to share with the community. The artist created 4 story panels showing the function of Electric, Water, Stormwater, and Wastewater Utilities in an approachable way. The Utilities plans to move forward by using the imagery for a full visual rebrand and a campaign called “Here Before You Need Us.” It will be fully launched with new web software in September but will trickle into marketing and messaging until then.

#### SCHOOLSIDE PARK PRESENTATION

Ms. Martin introduced the team including Amanda Castelli with Park Planning and artist Gregory Fields. The park is adjacent Bacon Elementary near Timberline and Zephyr Roads. The project collaborated with the school and the

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planned artwork is designed to be accessible, touchable, and sensory. The proposal is for two 8-foot-tall pillar sculptures located at prominent entry points to the park and three 4-foot-tall pieces to be distributed along the trail in the pollinator meadow. All will be steel with inset ceramic. The larger will have flat ceramic panels showing abstracted detail views of local plants and animals, and the smaller will feature carved relief ceramic images of pollinators. The board discussed signage explaining the imagery on the sculptures. Gregory shared how helpful it is to have an artist integrated on the project early. He appreciated that the art wasn't treated as an afterthought by the program.

Ms. Powers moved to move forward with the Schoolside Park project.

Ms. Sherman seconded.

Unanimously approved.

#### b) **YEAR IN REVIEW**

Ms. Martin shared a slideshow of the projects completed in 2024.

#### c) **2024 ANNUAL REPORT DRAFT**

Ms. Martin shared a draft of the Annual Report based on last year. It will be brought to the next meeting for final approval

### 8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Bauer thanked staff for their organization and running of the program. Ms. Powers said the staff was small but mighty. There was a discussion about the Anniversary Celebration and inviting members of past board and City Council from when the Board was formed.

### 9. **ADJOURNMENT 5:20 PM**

Minutes approved by the chair and a vote of the Board/Commission on 02/19/25