

Approved as submitted



**REGULAR MEETING**

November 17, 2015

SyraStat Office (Rm 215 City Hall)

5:30 pm

Attendance

Present: George Curry, Karen Convertino, Bob Doucette, Rick Destito, Nancy Keefe Rhodes, Kerry Kennedy, Joanna Spitzner, Dan Ward, Bahar Zaker

Absent: Corky Goss, London Ladd

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

I. Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Commission reviewed the minutes of October 13, 2015. K. Convertino made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, which was seconded by N. Keefe Rhodes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Old Business:

*No Old Business*

III. New Business

SPAC 15-05 *Mountain Goat Monument*, Sharon BuMann. Ed Griffin (Mountain Goat Race Foundation) and Sharon BuMann (artist) presented the proposal to install a bronze and granite sculpture in Upper Onondaga Park. The sculpture will be a life-size bronze mountain goat on a tall (9') grey granite base with a rock-cut finish that is shaped as an inverted pyramid, so that the mountain goat appears to be standing on a stone outcrop. The total height of sculpture is 12'. There will be smooth-faced panels on either side of the base into which the names of the Mountain Goat Hall of Fame inductees will be incised. Every year one or two names will be added to the monument for organizers and volunteers, who have helped make the race possible. The sculpture will be located on Little Round Top in Upper Onondaga Park on the inside of the driveway circle. The location was selected because it is the highest point of the Mountain Goat Race and has panoramic views of the city.

The Mountain Goat Race Foundation is paying for the artwork and will maintain the work. E. Griffin noted that it was intended as a donation to the City, but he noted that the Foundation could maintain ownership if necessary. K. Auwaerter stated that if it was to remain under Foundation ownership, then the Foundation would need to carry liability insurance for the work.

The Commission discussed the application and was very supportive. In regard to the ownership, K. Kennedy asked if the City owned the piece would City Hall want a voice in the decision of who was added to the monument. K. Auwaerter asked if they had considered Onondaga limestone for the base as this is the predominant stone in the park. S. BuMann

explained that it was too weak – the bronze will weigh approximately 900 lbs – but that the color of the granite base will be similar to the local limestone. G. Curry asked if they had a plant list for the proposed plants around the base of the monument; he suggested a low-growing evergreen such as *Cotoneaster*. He noted that the planting list should be added to the record. K. Convertino emphasized strongly the importance of maintenance of this monument as well as all of the City's public art works.

B. Doucette made a motion to approve the application, which was seconded by N. Keefe Rhodes. The motion passed unanimously. R. Destito made a motion to recommend to the Common Council the adoption of the artwork into the City's Public Art collection. The motion was seconded by G. Curry and approved unanimously. K. Auwaerter will work with E. Griffin and the Parks department to determine if the artwork should be included in the permanent collection.

IV. Discussion

New Urban Space project: The Commission discussed the November 10 visit by the design team of Imelk urban design and Balmond Studio. K. Auwaerter explained that the purpose of the visit was to report back to the community on their findings from the September 24-26 community engagement effort. She and G. Curry reported that overall the return visit went well and included small group meetings and a larger public meeting. N. Keefe Rhodes noted that the design team's visual presentation was not legible, which made it difficult to understand their findings and their initial concepts. Those who were able to attend the public session agreed, but also stated that in general people were excited by the initial public art concepts presented by Balmond. K. Auwaerter reported that the team would be returning in December with preliminary concepts.

V. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.