



Public Art Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2024 at 12:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Danny Humphress, Peggy Bohl, Austin Reeves, Elizabeth Ingram, Charles Hamilton, Drew Henner, Laura Burst

Absent

Staff Present

Director of Communications Clarissa Howard, Assistant Director of Communications Craig O'Neil and Content & Graphics Specialist Meghan Robinson

1. Call to Order

Craig O'Neil called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of June 17, 2024

Motion made by Ms. Burst to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda)

4. Action Items

- a. Funding for Arts Weekend

A request of \$3500 was made to the Board, \$500 for chalk art and \$3000 for a temporary art installation during the month of February to promote Art's weekend.

Motion made by Ms. Bohl to approve the funds for preparation for Arts Weekend; seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

Discussion followed regarding the \$3K for the temporary piece. It was advised that the \$3,500 will be lost if not used. Ms. Ariail will come to the next meeting with a presentation. The Board will hold a work session to discuss options and provide input on the temporary art installation. Mr. O'Neil will schedule the work session.

Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

- b. Discussion of Arts & Culture Alliance Liaison(s)

Ms. Howard requested one board member to become the liaison to the Arts Alliance. Ms. Bohl conceded to Mr. Hamilton to be the liaison.

Motion made by Ms. Bohl to approve Mr. Hamilton as the Alliance liaison; seconded by Mr. Reeves. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

c. Reschedule Meeting on September 16

Motion made by Mr. Henner to approve moving the September meeting to 9/23/2024; seconded by Mr. Humphrees. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

5. Non-Action Items

6. Staff Updates

a. Public Art Collection Online Project

Ms. Broman provided an update on the Public Art online collection project. The GIS system on the page will be user-friendly and locator-friendly. There will be two buttons, location and category, both will have subsections to further narrow artwork selections. All listings will be in alphabetical order by artist. The webpage should be completed by the September meeting. A tagline will be added "all art is property of artist" and art images will be watermarked. Promotion of the online public art collection will be launched with a press release and also added to Arts Weekend marketing and events.

b. Highwaymen Painting Loan

Ms. Bohl updated the board on the Highwaymen Painting loan. Ms. Bohl and Mr. O'Neil chose 3 out of 7 paintings. The selected painting will be used at the library during Black History month February 2025, as a contribution to Arts weekend and will then be on display at City Hall for the remainder of the year. There were twenty-five African American male highwaymen artists and one woman, Mary Ann Carroll. Ms. Bohl asked the Board to select their preference of the 3 paintings. The choice of Highwaymen painting will be for vote on the next agenda.

c. John Costin Large Bird Prints

Mr. O'Neil informed that the remaining seven (7) John Costin prints were all framed within the \$3,500 budget and will be installed alongside the other prints at the Events Center.

d. White A Sculpture Restoration

The White A sculpture is in reconstruction. The landscaping is being completed by city staff. The cost is \$565 over the budgeted \$4K due to using the suggested aeronautical paint. New photographs of the White A sculpture will be taken after the restoration and added to the online public art collection.

7. Board Comments

a. Request for discussion of items by Charles Hamilton

Mr. Hamilton expressed his interest in being involved with the Seven Oaks Park project. A meeting was initiated with Parks Director Jason Seeley at Seven Oaks park. During the park walk around, Mr. Hamilton noticed a bare wall on the northwest side of the park. Mr. O'Neil mentioned that Mr. Seely previously suggested a mural, but advised that the owners will need to approve it. Mr. O'Neil was waiting on Mr. Seeley to inform him of the owners approval or disapproval before bringing the discussion to the board.

It was discussed, the type of art, genre and dynamic rotating shows; identifying where the art should be placed; having a strategic plan for the board; inviting Mr. Seeley for his input; an update on the call for artists. Mr. Hamilton advised that the designated art locations will be permanent and the board could implement an ongoing organized high profile art program for the park. (It was clarified in the September 23rd meeting that the locations have not been determined.)

After discussion the following points arose: the importance of including the Board Liaison when meeting with staff members to avoid conflicting information between board members and staff members; the role of PAAB to identify opportunities for public art in the city and to select the art; the role of the park board and parks department to earmark locations in the city to fit art; PAAB makes recommendations to the City Commission.

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

Ms. Howard suggested having Mr. Seeley return and provide an update on where the Board stands, regenerate the park map and update the Board on the progress of the park. Ms. Bohl announced that she would like to participate in the refurbishing of the doors at the Amtrak station. Ms. Howard advised that staff will research the status of the Amtrak door refurbishing and inform the board for further discussion. Ms. Ingram suggested unveiling an art piece on Arts Weekend.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Approved by the board on September 23, 2024
/s/ Bahiyyah Layton, Board Coordinator