

Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

June 11, 2019

12:00 p.m.

Community Development Building



MINUTES

<u>Attended</u>		<u>Attended</u>	
Voting Members:		Ex Officio:	
Brittany Braithwaite		Tim Robinson (City Council)	P
Dylan Turk	P	Kalene Griffith (A&P)	P
Jerris Palmer	P	Staff:	
Johnetta Dexter	P	Shelli Kerr	P
Lauren Haynes	P	Lee Farmer	P
Steven Baker	P	Danielle Semsrott	P

Guest: Chance Snider, Sugar Creek Elementary

1. **May 2019 Minutes.** No recommended changes.

Motion: Dylan made a motion to approve; Steven seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes 5-0.

PROPOSALS

2. **ColorFULL.** Chance Snider, art teacher at Sugar Creek Elementary, presented a proposal for ColorFULL. The project is to have students participate in the design to paint the support structures for the sewer pipes along the trail in Park Springs Park. The design will go all the way around the supports to create a 3D experience. The proposed artwork is based on the book "ColorFULL" by Dorena Williamson to inspire students and the community to be less color blind to the people and the world around them and more open and willing to see and experience differences. The design includes bubbles that the kids will design by experimenting on their own with the colors around them, including nature, skin, hair, etc. The students will then get to paint their own bubble on the support structures. The book author has approved of the use of her book for inspiration. Shelli requested that Chance also get written permission from the book illustrator before submitting the final design. The project will be part of a newly formed art club at the school that will have a fee to participate, which will be used to purchase paint for the project. Lee asked that Chance provide him with details about the paint and specific colors that will be used. And, before selecting the design, to check that the paint color is available in the type of paint he wishes to use.

Motion: Steven made a motion to approve the design concept and for Chance to submit the final design for full approval; Dylan seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passes 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Promotion Policy. Dylan and Kalene are in the process of setting up a meeting to discuss this policy.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Artwork Selection: Corner at Park Springs. The committee went through each proposal submitted in the order received:

- Togetherness by Hunter Brown
- Benton Ill by Brew Lamb
- Bugnado by Tom Flynn
- Bluebird by Nathan Pierce
- Diamonds are Forever by Benson Sculpture
- Burrow No. 2 by Robert Lemming
- We Can Be Like Birds by Charlie Brouwer

Members liked different aspects of the various proposals. However, the committee agreed that many of the proposals were very similar to existing pieces in Bentonville or the region. None of the proposals felt like a great fit for the site and the committee did not select any of the proposals submitted.

5. Artwork Selection: Roundabout at Bright Road. The committee went through each proposal submitted in the order received:

- Thrive by Hunter Brown
- Uplift by Hunter Brown
- Infinite Bridge by Dayton Castleman
- Learning to Fly by Amanda Willshire
- Modern Bike Life by Stephen Feilbach
- Rising Together by Charlie Brouwer

Again, the committee agreed that many of the proposals were very similar to existing pieces in Bentonville or the region. None of the proposals felt like a great fit for the site and the committee did not select any of the proposals submitted.

The committee discussed revising the Call for Proposals by being more specific about the site and expectations. The RFP needs to indicate that the committee is looking for something new and different from what we already have and suggested it include a link to the webpage with a map and photos of the current inventory. They also want the RFP to explain the unique history of the Parks Springs Park site and encourage artwork at the roundabout that is reflective of education, learning, children, students and families. The committee also agreed that the advertising piece should be professionally designed. Dylan and Lauren agreed to discuss with firms to get quotes.

Motion: Dylan made a motion to move forward with this new plan for both the Corner at Park Springs Park and the Roundabout at Bright Road; Steven seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passes 5-0.

6. **New project: Applegate Trail and U of A Students.** Dylan and Kalene will be meeting with the University of Arkansas art program to discuss a student project along the Applegate Trail.
7. **New Project: Two Cities Trail.** No discussion.

PROJECT UPDATES

8. **Basketball Courts.** Shelli reported that Mike Abb indicated the project should be wrapped up by the end of the week, weather permitting.
9. **Sassy Relocation.** This will be discussed in greater detail once a new art piece is selected for the current site.

OTHER

10. Other Business.

Public Art Conference. Shelli reported that she, Lee and Kalene would be attending the Public Art Preconference at the Americans for the Arts Annual conference in Minneapolis at the end of the week.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.