Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting
July 14, 2020
12:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Attendance

Voting Members		Ex Officio	Staff
✓ Brittany Braithwaite	✓ Johnetta Dexter	✓ Tim Robinson (city council)	✓ Shelli Kerr
✓ Dylan Turk	✓ Lauren Haynes	✓ Kalene Griffith (VB)	✓ David Wright
✓ Jerris Palmer	✓ Steven Baker		✓ Danielle Semsrott
✓ Tom Hoehn			

1. **Welcome new member Tom Hoehn.**

2. **Minutes from June 9 meeting.**

   Steven made a motion to approve the June 9, 2020 minutes. Lauren seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed 7-0.

PROPOSALS

3. **Independent Proposal: Flight.** Elizabeth Miller with Oz Art presented the concept of Flight for Lake Bentonville. It's location near the airport and consistency with artwork on the private park land adjacent to Lake Bentonville provide the desired continuity between the public and private spaces. It will need approval from FAA and Oz Art will be funding the installation, maintenance, and future de-installation. David indicated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was in support.

   Tom made a motion to recommend approval of Flight to be installed at Lake Bentonville. Johnetta seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed 7-0.

   Shelli explained to Elizabeth that the request will be placed on the next available City Council agenda.

4. **Independent Proposal: Boutique Circus.** Shelli reported that proposal indicated funding will come from the Convention and Visitors Bureau. However, after discussing with Kalene, the CVB has not discussed or made a decision on this request. Several members commented that this is an event and not an item to be reviewed by the PAAC.

   No action due to the item not falling under the purview of the PAAC.

5. **Call for NWA Artists.** Shelli shared the results of the evaluation forms. The committee began by discussing the proposals that ranked in the top four.

   1st - Calm Waters - While this was ranked at the top, members are curious about the connection between the artist and the artwork. Who is the person? What is the story? What's the significance of the jewelry and clothing?

   At the end of the meeting, Jerris motioned to reach out to the artist to find out more about the artist and the connection to the work. Johnetta seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0. Dylan had left the meeting by the time of this vote.

   2nd - We are the Trees - The committee liked the design in concept but have a hard time visualizing the final product. The committee did not make a motion for this proposal.

3rd - A Tribute to the Almost Forgotten Osage Prairie - The committee liked this artwork. David indicated that it would fit with the development plans for Lake Bentonville and that the property is actually part of the original Osage Prairie, a geological feature. David did indicate the landscaping is critical to the design, so timing of installation will need to be discussed.

Dylan made a motion to move this artwork to the next phase for David and the artist to discuss options for installation and timing. Brittany seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 7-0.

4th - Gussy Wall - This artwork feels familiar to several members, siting artwork on the side of the downtown Neighborhood Market, which Kalene indicated is a map. The committee did not make a motion for this proposal.

The next three pieces discussed were not in the highest ranking, but had at least two member that placed the proposal in their top three.

20/20 Breathe – Members like the artwork, location in commercial areas is an issue since the city can't purchase or lease artwork for installation on private property. The images are thumbnails and not the final artwork. Also, the city would not be able to sell and donate the funds. The committee did not make a motion for this proposal.

Guide These My Hands – The proposal is for the county building, which is public property but not city property. They like the textile element which is different from existing artwork and creates interest. Possibly consider the community development building.

Lauren made a motion to discuss this project further with the artist to consider a city-owned building. Dylan seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 7-0.

SOON – Committee liked the piece, but the budget would not allow for any other projects to be funded. Kalene indicated she may be able to seek funding.

Dylan made a motion to move the project to the next phase to seek funding and work out detail on size and placement with the artist. Johnetta seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 7-0.

Two other proposal were discussed:

Bani Adam – Tom indicated he liked the community aspect of this piece, but the committee agreed that the timing is not right during the pandemic. The committee did not make a motion for this proposal.

Coronavirus had me down in the dumps. Brittany commented she liked the creativity of this proposal, its location, and connection to current conditions. The committee did not make a motion for this proposal.

The committee did not feel it necessary to discuss the remaining proposals since they received low rankings.

OLD BUSINESS

6. **Election of officers.** Dylan and Tom have been nomination as Chairperson. Lauren has been nominated as Vice Chairperson. Since Dylan was not in the meeting at the time of the nomination, he needs to be asked if he is interested.

Johnetta made a motion for Shelli to ask Dylan about serving and then issue an online vote. Tom seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

7. **No new business.**

8. **Open Heart.** Shelli reported that Open Heart will be installed next week and that she is working with Leslee Wright with the Bentonville Public Schools and Kalene to discuss promotions.

9. **Art Feeds**. Shelli reported that Josh Stacey with the Parks Department emailed her that they anticipate installation in October.

OTHER

10. **PAAC Vacancy.** Shelli reported that Brittany will be moving out of Bentonville soon and August will be her last meeting, so there will be a vacancy to fill on the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.