

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 4:00pm
Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 4:00pm

Present: (RC) Robert Carlson, (HB) Holly Barrett, (KE) Kris Engler, (KP) Kristin Pluhacek, (PK) Paul Konchagulian, (SR) Sara Rogers, (KC) Karin Campbell

Absent: Rachel Mindrup (RM), (MM) Mike Markey

Staff Present: (MR) Marquette Ryan, (KS) Katie Swanson

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by (HB).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes approved, with the edit of Robert Carlson (RC) to the UNMC portion of the notes; (KP) moved, (PK) seconded.

LANOHA NAIL ART SCULPTURE – 135TH & POTWIN STREET

- a) Cassie Meyer presented to the PAC a pre-existing Lanoha nail sculpture made from steel that is located at 135th and Potwin Street. The piece is located at the center of the round-about in the Lumberyard District.
- b) The piece was brought forth to the PAC for official approval after being hit by a vehicle a few months ago.
- c) All vandalism and damage to the art piece will be taken care of by Lanoha.
- d) The PAC gave the official approval for the art piece.
- e) (HB) brought forth the option of being added to our public art website.
- f) Cassie said she would get Marquette the information necessary for the public art website.

RIVERFRONT ART RELOCATION UPDATE – BROOK BENCH

- a) Joni Fogarty – wants to see “Pencil” back downtown somewhere. Someone in her family made it and she met with Brook about the art piece staying downtown somewhere.
- b) Brook also discussed that the husband and wife of the Trans-Mississippi Historic sign at Heartland of America Park would like to see this historic piece go back into the riverfront project.
- c) Brook spoke about the memorials from the Riverfront project and how they will be going to Memorial Park. He showed the PAC the rendering of where the memorials plan on being placed – on the same path as the POW monument.
- d) Heartland Airborne Memorial, Marine Corps Emblem, WWII Heartland Memorial, and the Gold Star Family Memorial will be put at Memorial Park.
- e) (HB) stated that she would like to see Aha-mo and Golden Rod return to the Gene Leahy Mall. She is fine with them going to Flanagan Lake for now for

people to utilize. Brook agreed that moving all of the benches together from the Take A Seat project would send a good message to the public.

- f) It will be up to the discretion of the Riverfront committee to choose whether or not those pieces will go back into the mall.
- g) The PAC voiced that they think it would be great to see the “Treehouse with French Doors” or “Mangonel” go to Fontenelle Park. (KC) mentioned that Rob Jensen would be a good person to get into contact with about moving larger art pieces.
- h) (PK) said he would go out to Fontenelle and look at places for both Treehouse with French Doors and Mangonel. (HB) said it would be beneficial to scout out a plan A and plan B location for both pieces.
- i) The PAC asked Brook if the bucket would go back into the Gene Leahy Mall. Brook said that if the Riverfront group could configure a way for the bucket to fit back in the design, they might try.
- j) (KC) knows the artist of the bucket (Jamie) and he will reach out to Brook.
- k) The PAC agreed that the Holland Center would be the best location for “Frankies Pain”. (HB) is going to call them about maybe also taking “Pencil”.
- l) (HB) asked Brook once the fence goes up around the Gene Leahy Mall, how will trash be taken care of on the inside of the park. Brook assured that the trash inside will be picked up on the inside of the fence.
- m) (MR) asked (PK) about O’mage being placed at the trailhead of NP Dodge. (PK) was going to look into this.

BUDGET

- a) March 1st, (HB) will meet with Michelle Peter, the Parks attorney about language in the PAC’s ordinance.
- b) Next, would be to meet with Ben Gray, City Council President, Councilmember Chris Jerram, and the Mayor’s office for support. It will then go to city council.
- c) The PAC would like to add the words “promotion” and “acquisition” to the ordinance. Michelle Peters told Holly that adding in “promotion” would not be an issue at all to put in there.

RESTORATION & OTHER PROJECTS

- a) NONE

PUBLIC ART WEBSITE

- a) Currently cannot do anything with the website right now when there are no funds.

PUBLIC ART CRITERIA COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a) (HB) was going to reach out to the UNO class that was going to present the UNO walking tours.
- b) (HB) pitched idea to DID to fund a mural project – painting columns at 16th and Chicago (south side of Creighton soccer stadium).
- c) Nebraska Dept. of Transportation would be happy to support.
- d) PAC will help put together some ideas for the mural.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a) RFP update – (KP) will send RFP to everyone.
- b) PAC retreat date was set for May 15th from 9am-12pm.
- c) (MR) will draft up business cards for the PAC.

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