

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 4:00pm
Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 4:00pm

Present: (LF) Larry Ferguson, (RC) Robert Carlson, (KC) Karin Campbell, (MM) Mike Markey, (EL) Emily Longe, (KE) Kris Engler, (SR) Sara Rogers

Absent: (KP) Kristin Pluhacek , (HB) Holly Barrett

Staff Present: (MP) Marquette Pick, Special Projects Coordinator

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes approved (KC) moved, (SR) seconded.

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

New Business

- 1) Lexa's Flower I and Lexa's Flower II – Motion Denied
 - a) Les Bruning Sculptures “Lexa's Flower I” and “Lexa's Flower II” were unanimously denied by the PAC for placement as public art.
 - b) After further consideration and examination of the sculptures, they posed a hazard and a threat to the general public's safety.

- 2) Golden Rod Bench Duplication
 - a) Kayla, with the DLR Landscape Group requested permission to reproduce the design of “Golden Rod” for a brand new courtyard addition to the Beveridge Magnet Middle School.
 - b) The bench's name, ‘Musical Chairs” would differ from “Golden Rod” in the fact that each bench would be a different colors; Orange, Blue, and Red.
 - c) The Duplication of Golden Rod was unanimously approved by the PAC.
 - d) Kayla presented a mutual contract signed by Vanessa Schutte, artist of Golden Rod, Brook Bench, Director of Omaha Parks and Recreation, Dr. David lavender, Beverage Middle School Principal, and Larry Ferguson, The Omaha Public Art Commission Head Chairman.
 - e) (MP) submitted the contract back into Kayla along with keeping a copy for the PAC files.

- 3) Cosmic Dream Mural
 - a) New mural in Benson was unanimously approved by the PAC to go up on the Public Art website.

- 4) Public Art Plaque Order

- a) (MP) checked in on previous plaque order through "Regal Awards" for Praxis Engraved Plate - \$38.04
- b) After research of Regal, J.P. Cook, and Signs By Tomorrow, (RC) found that the best deal was going through Signs By Tomorrow. The first sign's price would be \$33.43 and the second sign was \$18.32 with the set-up fee waived.
- c) (RC) discussed getting a P.O. and discussing installation with the City.
- d) (MP) has been in touch with Pat Slaven to get a P.O. and order the plaques.

RESTORATION PROJECTS

1) Pencil

- a) The Mac Hornecker piece needs to be repainted. Hornecker said that Park Maintenance can repaint the piece with "any" shade of gray.
- b) Brian Hartley's crew will go ahead and sandblast, prime, and add 2 coats of semi-gloss graphite (gray) paint.

2) Gene Leahy Mall Sculptures and "Take a Seat" Benches

The meeting with LF, HB, PS, and Brian Hartley from Parks took place on June 6th.

- a) "Aha-MO" will be moving east of its current location at the end of the walking path at 10th and Douglas.
 - i. Pat Slaven is looking into contracting out the cement pad.
- b) "Rebar" is left as is with no fix.
- c) "Shadowbox" will be moved close to the water and away from the trees.
- d) "Mangonel" base drainage issue was previously addressed by Brian Hartley's crew. They regraded the hill so the water would flow to the water, but (LF) is hoping to get a more efficient drainage solution.
- e) "Vanishing Point" will be removed and taken to Brian Hartley's shop where it can be sandblasted and repainted with bright orange epoxy paint, followed by a clear coat.
- f) "Frankie's Pain" is in further discussion for new glass. Brian is going to look into getting a solution to remove the graffiti and clean the surface.

3) Un-Woven

- a) **(LF) and (RC) discussed if the sculpture was going to be re-woven or not.**
- b) **(RC) stated that the artist indicated that she was fine with her art not being re-woven.**
- c) **The artist will need to come in front of the PAC for further discussion on this matter.**
- d) Mary Zicafoose and students from UNO are scheduled to Un-weave 'wO!ven' on Tuesday, April 25th.

- e) Mary was unsuccessful in finding an auto body shop to travel on site to repaint the O!, so it is looking to be student driven. She hopes to paint on Thursday, April 27th with a Tuesday, May 2 rain date.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE UPDATES

- 1) **Website(s)** – Website uploaders have to upload the changes below.
 - a) Vinton St. Project’s Omaha World Herald article uploaded.
 - b) “Memorial to Hoddy Gifford” needs GPS info relocated. This piece should be in the Old Market Passageway at the N end of the Public Art Website map.

Website Map

- a.) (LF) suggested having a team meeting with Zach and Omaha by design at some point and (SR) is going to go through the website and make changes and updates as needed.**
- b.) After looking over the new boundaries for the Omaha Public Art website, the PAC had a unanimous vote for approval of the new changes.
- c.) Going forward, all uploaders need to follow these boundaries.
- d.) Ask Zack on details of new areas, will it delete artwork? Also ask if there is a better way to re-categorize artwork.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Art Tours

- a) (HB) would like to coordinate a Condition of Art Work Tour this spring and summer to tour the metro area’s artwork. This tour would be divided between all of the PAC.
- b) (LF) suggested asking Jaimie Thomas about the talking tours.
- c) Possibly invest in a mobile friendly pdf of walking tour

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