

# Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

January 14, 2020

12:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Community Development Building

305 SW A Street, Bentonville, AR



## 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

### 1. Minutes from December 2019 meeting. No recommended changes.

*Motion: Steven made a motion to approve the November minutes; Dylan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed 5-0.*

PROPOSALS – no new proposals submitted

### NEW BUSINESS

**2. Quilt of Parks Plan.** David presented the current draft of the Quilt of Parks Plan. He indicated that the plan is 70% complete and anticipated City Council adoption in March. He thinks the Dave Peel project will be first and emphasized that the PAAC will be the lead on any public art associated with the Quilt of Parks plan. Upon adoption, David will identify the opportunities for public art and share those with the committee. This will provide information to make budget requests for 2021.

**3. 2020 Artwork Plans.** Shelli shared the two ideas submitted by Tim Robinson and Jerris presented her artist. Dylan also shared a book of sculpture artists and their artwork. The committee identified the following ideas:

- *Tolerance* by artist Jaume Plensa - Jerris
- Fountain with lights - Tim
- Commission a piece related to our heritage of being an apple farming community - Tim
- Acquire a "State of the Art" piece after the show at Crystal Bridges - Dylan
- Louis Jones mural of local flora and fauna – Lauren
- Hank Wiles Thomas - Lauren
- Teeter totter example from Dallas – Brittany
- Vasa Mihich
- Lacy Fowler murals – Brittany
- John Cerny - Dylan

The committee discussed Brittany's previous proposal of Disposal Youth. They would like to see it during the Bentonville Film Festival and like the idea of an indoor location, possibly the DBI office.

They agreed to study the ideas shared and be ready to make decisions at the February meeting.

*Motion: Brittany made a motion to pursue Disposable Youth and request to use space at DBI during the film festival. Lauren seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed; 5-0.*

#### PROJECT UPDATES

- 5. Bright Rd Artwork and Promotion Plan.** Shelli reported that the artist has received his first payment and has begun fabrication of Open Heart. The committee agreed that once a timeline for the project is more concrete, that would be the time to begin working on the promotion plan. Brittany reported that she has a friend at channel five that can help spread the word once an event is scheduled.
- 6. Sassy Relocation.** Shelli did not have an update on the agreement with Crossland to relocate Sassy.
- 7. Artwork Signage.** Shelli reported that Kalene is working on the signage installation for existing art inventory.

#### OTHER

- 8. Bylaws.** Shelli would like to bring a draft set of bylaws for discussion at the February meeting. All other committees in the city have a set of bylaws and a leadership hierarchy and she feels it is important to establish the same for the PAAC.
- 9. February U of A Visit.** The committee agreed that since the February meeting will focus on reviewing proposed project ideas and making a decision, that meeting with the U of A at this time is not necessary. This discussion is postponed indefinitely.
- 10. Alison Esposito in April.** Lauren confirmed that Alison Esposito with the regional arts organization is set to meet with the PAAC in April.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

## Recommendations



*Tolerance* by Jaume Plensa



*Impulse* – Lola Sheppard and Conor Sampson



*Local flora and fauna* - Louise Jones



*Acrylic cubes* - Vasa Mihich



*Quote Bubble Chair*– Hank Willis Thomas



*Floral designs* - Laci Fowler



*Cut out murals - John Cerney*