

Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

February 12, 2019

12:00 p.m.

HFA Offices



MINUTES

Attendees: Jerris Palmer, Brittany Braithwaite, Steven Baker, Dylan Turk, Shelli Kerr, Tim Robinson, Danielle Semsrott, Lee Farmer, Mike Abb

Approval of January 2019 Minutes: Minutes approved.

PROPOSALS

Memorial Park Basketball Court Murals

Mike Abb presented a proposal to paint murals on the four basketball courts in Memorial Park. Ignite students have prepared up to 40 designs with the final designs ready by the end of this month. It will require power washing with work anticipated to begin in April. It will take two primed coats and two to three coats of stain that should last three to ten years, depending on usage and water damage. The paint is Colortop concrete stain, the same as was used at the skate park. They are considering adding bleachers and signage. Ignite students will create a promotional video. The cost is estimated at \$30,000 to \$45,000, about \$5,000 per court plus cost of event, paid for by Runway. Project Backboard is a 501c3 that revitalizes basketball courts and there may be an opportunity to partner.

A special event could be held in May to include local basketball teams, food trucks, swag, and basketball giveaways. They will bring in portable bleachers for the event and will need to address power. They may reach out to invite participation in the event by the Hogs basketball players and the women's team.

Parks and Recreation supports the project but asks that the designs selected be considerate of the play lines. Parks does not support the addition of bleachers because of maintenance, but may be open to benches. They asked that Parks address seating. Shelli indicated the various review boards will need to see specific designs in order to approve. Mike will send a survey of all the designs submitted and the committee will vote on their favorites. Then those designs will be taken to the Parks Board and PAAC meetings in March.

Tiger Poles

Mike explained the concept of using printed vinyl to wrap the support structure of the bridge at Tiger and NE A Street. There are some issues with inspections conducted by the ArDOT and water leakage could cause failure to the vinyl. There is a need for distraction for the sewer plant. The committee has not received a formal proposal and did not vote on this item.

PROJECT UPDATES

Water Tower Lighting

Mike is conducting a test of the GoBo units to light the water tower tomorrow from 7 - 9 p.m. Custom slides can be created for the unit. The school may have space to install a unit. One existing unit is Runway's and they have offered to install it at The Preacher's Son at no charge and will cover electric costs.

OTHER

2019 Project Ideas

Jerris looked at projects in Oklahoma and Texas and does have someone that is interested. One project is a large sculpture of a person laying on his back. Another project was a sculpture of a large hand.

Brittany had an artist send her a concept of "Disposable Youth." It is a large camera made from disposable cameras. The public can use the disposable cameras and a projector shows the images taken from them. This would be a temporary display at an indoor location in the amount of \$3,000.

Tim suggested that we start to move away from sculpture and look at other mediums. One idea is a piece that uses water and light. Another is an opportunity to partner with the county for a mural on a wall of the new courthouse.

Steven suggested interactive swings. The committee has considered this concept in the past with cost being the roadblock.

Sassy

Staff has received another complaint about Sassy. Brittany suggested that the committee determine if that is the best location for the piece. A trail may be a better fit. Coler has been discussed as an option for relocation, however, that is currently private property. The committee did not take any action.