

Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

September 10, 2019

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

Guest: Mary Jordan (Democrat Gazette)

1. Aug 13, 2019 Minutes. No recommended changes.

Motion: Steven made a motion to approve; Brittany seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes 3-0.

PROPOSALS

- Partnership with University of Arkansas Art Program.** Dylan was unable to attend the meeting, but shared with Shelli that the professors are continuing to flush out the proposals and intend to share those in the next couple week. Shelli will distribute when received.
- Kaleidoscope – Eddie and Mary Elizabeth Phillips.** Shelli shared the proposal with the committee, explaining it had come through Downtown Bentonville, Inc. and was not submitted in conjunction with the two current calls for proposals. She played a video of the piece supplied by the artist. The piece would best be served in a location with high pedestrian activity and may be appropriate for the Quilt of Parks. Shelli will get more information about cost.

OLD BUSINESS

- Proposed Sassy location.** Shelli shared mock-ups of Sassy placed in several locations near the parking lot at Cub Dr., prepared by the Visit Bentonville team. The committee was concerned about simply relocating the piece a few blocks from the current location. Shelli indicated one of the reasons for this location is that its near a parking lot and easily accessible, which was one of the goals of the relocation. They asked Shelli to prepare a map of public parking lots. They feel like Applegate Trail may be an appropriate location, either in the traffic circle in the parking lot at NW 3rd St. or along the trail. The committee agreed to make a decision on the new location at the next meeting and then prepare a plan for relocation.



NEW BUSINESS

5. **No new business.**

PROJECT UPDATES

6. **Call for proposals.** Shelli has received three proposal for the Bright Rd site and five for the Park Springs site. The deadline is September 25. The city is now active on social media and she will be posting the call for proposals today.

OTHER

7. **Public art at public facilities.** Shelli asked the committee to consider the incorporation of public art into public facilities and infrastructure as a potential future project.
8. **Local artist spotlight.** Brittany shared that the owner of the glass chapel in Bella Vista said that they spotlight a local artist monthly. The committee might consider implementing a similar program. One option would be to accept nominations.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.