

Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

November 12, 2019

12:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Community Development Building

305 SW A Street, Bentonville, AR



MINUTES

Attendance

Voting Members		Ex Officio	Staff
P Brittany Braithwaite	P Johnetta Dexter	Tim Robinson (city council)	P Shelli Kerr
P Dylan Turk	Lauren Haynes	Kalene Griffith (VB)	David Wright
P Jerris Palmer	Steven Baker		Danielle Semsrott

1. Minutes from October 8, 2019 meeting. No recommended changes.

Motion: Brittany made a motion to approve; Johnetta seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes 4-0.

PROPOSALS – no new proposals submitted

2. Corner at Park Springs Park Proposals.

At the October meeting, the committee selected Love Arch by Andy Denton for temporary installation at the Corner at Park Springs Park display site. After the meeting, Shelli noticed that the artwork had elements that may not be appropriate for a display site near schools. She notified the committee via email and suggested the committee consider another submittal for this display site.

Shelli presented the submittals that the committee liked but did not select at the regular October meeting. Dylan suggested either Universal Inseparability or Hill Climb. The committee began discussing and agreed Hill Climb is related to bikes and there is already too many bike-related artwork in the inventory. They all agreed that *Universal Inseparability* by Ben Pierce would be appropriate for this display site. The artwork is a 12' x 5' x 5' stainless steel piece described by the artist as "a single large circle that appears to be drooping or bent in a way that at first glance is unrecognizable as a circle." The cost for a one-year lease of this artwork is \$2,500, which could come out of this year's budget or next year's.

Motion: Jerris made a motion to select Universal Inseparability by Ben Pierce; Dylan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes 4-0.

Shelli wanted to make sure the committee officially wanted to remove the selection of Love Arch for the Corner at Park Springs Park display site.

Motion: Dylan made a motion to remove Love Arch as the selection for the Corner at Park Springs Park; Johnetta seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes 4-0.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) will need to approve the selected artwork. The next available agenda is Dec. 2 and will then go on the Dec. 10 City Council agenda.

PROJECT UPDATES

3. Bright Rd Artwork.

Shelli indicated that she had met with the Transportation Department and received their support for the Open Heart installation in the roundabout. She has also asked that the Tree and Landscape Advisory Committee work on a low-maintenance landscape plan for the roundabout to

complement the artwork. She said that Transportation indicated there had been a couple accidents at this location and that it would be important to protect the artwork with a solid platform or foundation, consider lighting the piece and installing bollards around the roundabout.

She had intended to get the item on the November 12 City Council agenda, but did not meet the submittal deadline. She will submit it for the November 26 City Council agenda.

4. **Sassy Relocation.** Shelli met with David Wright with Parks and Recreation to establish a timeline for the relocation. They agreed that the new location be approved by the Parks and Recreation Board and City Council. The item will be on the December 2 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting and the Dec. 10 City Council meeting. At the same City Council meeting will be an agreement with Crossland Construction to oversee the relocation. Once approved and the agreement is signed, Crossland will determine when they will be able to schedule the relocation. The timeline will include pouring the new foundation, which will require a couple weeks to set.

NEW BUSINESS

5. **Artwork signage.** Shelli said she had spoken with Kalene from Visit Bentonville regarding signage for public artwork. Some pieces do have signs, but not all of them. Kalene had suggested metal plates attached to a small concrete monument. The committee prefers signage similar to what they have been using, but to install it in a small cement foundation. The also liked an example that had an image laser cut into the sign itself. The committee agreed to work on a logo that could represent the partnership between the city and Visit Bentonville. Shelli indicated Visit Bentonville will likely funded signage.

OTHER

2020 Artwork Plans. Shelli indicated that if the budget passes, there will be \$25,000 in the artwork fund for 2020. The committee needs to start discussing plans for an art installation next year.

At the October meeting, the committee wanted to pursue The Gathering Spot by Molly Keen. After some discussion, the committee was concerned it may look too “craftsy” and that it is hard to determine exactly what it would look like from a sketch.

Jerris indicated that she would like to see something interactive at Dave Peel Park. Shelli referenced the Quilt of Parks plan that includes David Peel and artwork as part of the final plan. She will provide an update of that project at the December meeting.

Dylan would like the committee to consider John Cerney’s artwork he mentioned in an earlier meeting. It could be a temporary, fun installation. Shelli will pull together a list of all the suggestions that have been made in the past and include it in the December agenda packet.

Brittany suggested a temporary indoor interactive installation. She reference a project with love letters. The library, community center, utility complex, new planning building and remodeled council chambers are potential locations. Shelli will include any available concept plans in the December agenda packet.

Shelli will also provide a map of potential display sites in the December agenda packet.

Motion: Dylan made a motion to adjourn; Johnetta seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.