

Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

September 13, 2022

12:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 305 SW A Street

Contact skerr@bentonville.com to request participation via Zoom.

THE CITY OF BENTONVILLE



PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Members

- 1 Steven Baker
- 2 Grant Cottrell✓
- 3 Chad Nicholson✓
- 4 Kate Schaffer, Vice Chairperson✓
- 5 Brittany Vernon✓
- 6 Kaitlin Garcia-Maestes
- 7 Tom Hoehn, Chairperson✓

Ex Officio

- Gayatri Agnew, City Council
- Kalene Griffith, Visit Bentonville

Staff

- ✓Shelli Kerr, Comprehensive Planning Manager
- ✓Josh Stacey, Recreation Services Manager
- David Wright, Parks and Recreation Director

1. **Call meeting to order.** Tom called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

2. **Approve minutes – August.**

Kate made a motion to approve the August 9 minutes, Brittany seconded. All in favor; motion passed 5-0.

PROPOSALS

3. **Cricket Pitch Field Artwork**

- The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board preferred ‘Uppercut.’
- Josh spoke with the artist and went over the details that he received from the artist.

Maintenance:

- The piece would last at least 10 years.
- The interior would be made of metal or high quality wood.
- The exterior would be wood and may just need pieces replaced over the years.
- He is going to price out a composite option that would last longer and require less maintenance and let us know the price difference.

Infrastructure:

- He plans to put the art piece in a mulch bed. His budget accounts for this. Since it is a piece that can be climbed on and if about 5-6 feet high, the mulch provides a fall safe surface.
- He will oversee the installation of the foundation/base and all aspects of the project.

Manufacturing:

- He plans to work with a local carpenter/creator to build the piece.
- He asked for us to provide him a few options to start talking to if the piece gets final approval. This was something we promoted with the RFP.
- He would then come to town for the final stages and installation.

Timeline:

- He believes this project would take about 3-4 months to complete.
- He would provide us a model of the piece in 3-4 weeks and then an additional 8-10 weeks to build and then install.

Budget:

- He said he was conservative with the budget and used New York prices for everything, so it could be a little less than he proposed.
 - That said, a lot will depend on the local partner he works with and if we wanted to adjust the material or not.
- Location is not finalized, needs to be around the entrance of the park or near a play area

Chad made a motion to select 'Uppercut' in response to the Cricket Pitch RFP, Grant seconded. All in favor; motion passed 5-0.

PLANNED PROJECTS

4. Little Library in the Park

- Shelli provided details on the background of this piece.
- The mayor has a program where she accepts projects from city staff.
- This recommendation came from the Bentonville Public Library to put these in city parks.
- The artwork that could hopefully go with this piece would be there to intrigue others to reads.
- Shelli worked with Hadley Dudley to get this art piece information together.

5. Ideas for 2023

- *Animal Shelter*
 - Shelli provided the committee with details about the possibly having art at the new animal shelter.
 - There is currently no budget for this
 - Shelli wanted to share this as a potential concept for next year
 - The shelter is also being built on a trail so having art there would bring people in
 - Grant suggested having the artwork more in a public space near the animal shelter.
- *City's 150 Anniversary*
 - Shelli has reached out to Visit Bentonville and OzArt about potentially working on a collaborative art project.
 - Shelli stated that the calendar of events for the city's 150th anniversary is being finalized and should be ready by the end of the year.
 - Tom suggested that CACHE could contribute to this project and meet with Visit Bentonville and OzArt.

PROJECT UPDATES

6. Multicultural Festival Installation

- This piece is going to city council tonight (9.13.2022).
- Shelli provided what the front and back looks like to the committee.
- Shelli will make sure that the museum has the latest logo and updates.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. First Friday PAAC Booth for October?

- Shelli will talk to Downtown Bentonville Inc to get a spot.
- Shelli will send out a doodle poll to sign up to work the booth.

Ledger Artwork. Tom gave details on the public art that is going to be installed at the Ledger (The ramps going up). 95 bugs up the ramp will be placed along the bike ramp on the outside of the building.

Tiger and A Rotating Display.

- Grant provided images of examples as possible options.
- This would be contingent on the city covering the cost of travel and installation.
- This installation would have to be on the budget for next year.

8. Adjournment

Tom made a motion to adjourn; Kate seconded. All in favor; motion passed, 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.