



Public Art Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2024
12:00 PM
Bentonville City Hall

Members

1 Steven Baker ✓
2 Grant Cottrell ✓
3 Chad Nicholson ✓
4 Kate Schaffer, Vice Chairperson
5 Anne Jackson ✓
6 Clint Schaff ✓
7 Tom Hoehn, Chairperson ✓

Ex Officio

Beckie Seba, City Council ✓
Kalene Griffith, Visit Bentonville
Alison Nation, Visit Bentonville
Cynthia Post-Hunt, Crystal Bridges/Momentary ✓
Elizabeth Miller, OzArt ✓
Carlyn Wilder, OzArt ✓

Staff

Shelli Kerr, Comprehensive
Planning Manager ✓
Josh Stacey, Recreation
Services Manager ✓

Call to Order. Tom called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2024

Clint made a motion to approve the January 9, 2024, minutes, Chad seconded. All in favor; motion passed 6-0.

2024 Budget Report. Shelli reported that the total budget for 2024 is \$125,000. \$100,000 is allocated for two roundabout projects. She is recommending \$6,250 (25% of the annual \$25,000 budget) be set aside for maintenance. This leaves \$18,750 available for other projects.

II. PROPOSALS

- 1. Youth Baseball RFP.** The committee agreed to make two to three recommendations to the Baseball Board. Josh reported that there is no rush on selecting and installing since the park renovation likely will not be complete until early 2025.

Bentonville Bat: The scale is good and can serve as wayfinding. Questioning if the intent is for the bat to be orange. Would the artist consider powder coating with a variety of color and more diversity in the subjects? Wait to ask artist until getting feedback from the board.

Transparencies in Time. Looks too much like a sign.

It's More than a Sport: Very instagrammable. Committee is concerned about the hole in the top and potential for collecting water. Are the photos kinetic or static? What are the photos/ where do they come from?

Youth Baseball: Coaches and Players: Appears to be a mural and does not reflect the RFP.

Pieces of the Game: How is this installed? Does it require a pedestal? Likes the background and other work of the artist. Feels too much like a memorial and not fun. How does it represent the volunteers? If not selected for this project, consider the artist for another project.



Chad made a motion to recommend the “Bentonville Bat” and “It’s More than A Sport” to the baseball board and sharing the comments / suggestions made by the committee. Steven seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 6-0.

2. Traveling Installations (Mural and Crochet Mushrooms).

Pathways Mural: The committee would like to see this artwork installed and unveiled as part of the Multicultural Festival on April 27. Should take one day to install and can move sometime after April 1.

Chad made a motion to approve the installation of the “Pathways: Celebrating Life and Legacy” mural on the restroom building at Orchards Park pending a determination that the final cost is less than \$2,000; the artwork will fit at the proposed location; and the display period can be for six months. Steven seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with Anne Jackson abstaining.

Humongous Fungus: Josh would like to see this at Citizen’s Park near the playground. It could be installed between March and May and come down in early November.

Chad made a motion to approve the installation of Humongous Fungus for six months in Citizens Park provided Visit Bentonville funds the project. Grant seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with Anne Jackson abstaining.

III. Planned Projects

- 3. Water Tower & 8th Roundabout.** The committee reviewed the dimensions of the underground conduits and agreed to proceed with publishing the RFP.
- 4. J and John De Shields.** Shelli and Tom reported they met with Alejo Benedetti. The plan is for Crystal Bridges to pay for and own the artwork with city funding paying for site prep work. Elizabeth indicated there are some issues with water/sewer lines and overhead electric with that roundabout. She will send those details to Shelli.
- 5. Corner at Parks Springs.** The artists is willing to extending the agreement at no cost. Grant indicated that the artist is open to purchase if interested.

Anne made a motion to extend the display period for one year. Chad seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 6-0.

- 6. NWACC Partnership.** No update.

IV. Project Updates None.

V. Other Business

- 7. Annual Report to City Council.** Tom and Shelli gave the annual update at the Committee of the Whole the night before which was well received.
- 8. Art Maintenance.** Continue to send information on how best to proceed with art maintenance. Elizabeth suggests a survey of current inventory conditions then prioritize.



9. **Red Ball.** The information about the regional art project was provided in the agenda packet.
10. **Plan Bentonville.** Members are encouraged to participate and share information about Plan Bentonville Design Week starting Feb. 24.
11. **Trendsetter Award.** The City of Bentonville received the state-wide Trendsetter Award in the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion category for the cricket field and artwork at Creekside Park.
12. **Roundtable Discussion.** None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Clint made a motion to adjourn; Chad seconded. All in favor; motion passed, 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.