



Public Art Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 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. Kate called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Mayor Orman invited committee members to attend the State of the City event on April 4 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center. RSVP is required by March 25.

Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2024

Chad made a motion to approve the February 13, 2024, minutes, Clint seconded. All in favor; motion passed 6-0.

I. PROPOSALS

- 1. Youth Baseball RFP.** Josh reported that the Youth Baseball Board selected *Bentonville Bat* by Jim Collins. The board intends to set up a meeting with the artist to get more details. Once those details are provided, the final proposal will come back to PAAC for a vote.

Clint suggested as part of the unveiling event we use this artwork to kick off the baseball card campaign discussed last year. The committee agreed to look further into costs and design.

He also suggested some baseball players from the area to attend the event. He mentioned Torii Hunter who is a Hall of Famer and Tom Pagnozzi who lives here locally.

II. PLANNED PROJECTS

- 2. J and John DeShields Roundabout.** Crystal Bridges has begun conversations with an artist for the roundabout. She will be in town March 25 to visit the site and discuss ideas for the project. Alejo Benedetti with Crystal Bridges should be able to attend the April meeting to discuss further.

III. PROJECT UPDATES

- 3. Pathways Mural.** Shelli reported that the proposal was approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and goes to City Council tonight. The artwork is too large for the wall of the restroom facility, so another self-standing location within Orchard Park has been

selected with installation in early April. Anne indicated that they did take measurements for the restroom wall in case an opportunity arises to install artwork at that location.

Josh indicated that this new location is not within the footprint of the Multicultural Festival and if there are suggestions to bring attention to it. Shelli said she would look into an A-frame sign as well as temporary signage for both temporary installations.

4. **Humongous Fungus.** Shelli reported that the proposal was approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and goes to City Council tonight. Josh reported possible locations near the front entrance of the Community Center or near the playground but is open to suggestions. Anne and Parks are meeting on-site March 18 at 10:30 to discuss the installation.
5. **Water Tower & 8th Roundabout.** Shelli reported that seven proposals have been submitted and she has talked with two other artists that plan to submit.
6. **Corner at Park Springs.** As voted last month, the artwork will remain for another year. Shelli is trying to reach the artist to extend the contract.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

7. **Art Maintenance.** Shelli has been going through research provided by Lucas Cowan at CACHE. She is suggesting hiring someone to conduct a conditions inventory. Carlyn suggested that could be expensive and to consider reaching out to a graduate student to conduct the inventory as an internship. Clint requested that the analysis also provide costs, suggest need/timing on removal, and prioritizing maintenance. Might also talk with Crystal Bridges about their internship programs and how they reach out.

Shelli also discussed looking into software for inventory management.

8. Roundtable Discussion

- Shelli met with Veronica Inberg, the new collection manager at 21C Hotel. Veronica is looking for opportunities to collaborate, possibly with a First Friday. She suggested showing a documentary about fungus when Humongous Fungus is installed.
- Clint asked if the committee is being ambitious enough. Beckie reported that City Council was supportive of the public art presentation given last month. They asked what else we needed and generally seem to be supportive of the public art program. Anne indicated there is a need for more art in city parks, so there are plenty of opportunities.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.