

## Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

Aug. 13, 2024

12:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 305 SW A Street

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## MINUTES

### 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, The Momentary ✓
- Carlyn Wilder, OZ Art

### Staff

- Shelli Kerr, Comprehensive Planning Manager ✓
- Josh Stacey, Deputy Director of Parks ✓

Guests: Hadi Dudley, Tara Clark (Bentonville Public Library) and Paige Dirksen (artist) (online)

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

**Approval of Minutes.** – July 9

*Kate made a motion to approve the July 9, 2024, minutes, Steven seconded. All in favor; motion passed 6-0. (Anne arrived after this vote.)*

## PROPOSALS

1. **All Biker(s) Welcome.** Artist Paige Dirksen presented a proposal for a mural in the trail tunnel SW 3<sup>rd</sup> St, south of Coler. She received a grant from Bentonville Moves Coalition (BMC) in the amount of \$2,500. One proposal was to install with only funding from BMC and another proposal if the PAAC would fund an additional \$1,700, for a total cost of \$4,200. Josh indicated Parks would be able to power wash and provide anti-graffiti coating.

Regarding the city funding the additional size, the PAAC chose to wait until the proposals for the conditional assessment came in to know how much money it would cost and would be available. The PAAC agreed to approve the design but table discussion about using PAAC funding to increase the size. Paige will submit a revised design to fit within the BMC budget.

*Chad made a motion to approve the design but table the discussion on funding a larger design to the September meeting; Kate seconded. All in favor, motion carried 7-0.*

2. **You Are Here.** This proposal was submitting during the lettering project RPF process. Parks and Recreation has talked with the artist about installation in Creekside Park near the Osage Creek Trail. Bentonville Advertising and Promotion Commission is funding the fabrication and installation. The design has been approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. This piece will require periodic general maintenance. Josh indicated that a staff person will be assigned to this park and will be responsible for that maintenance.

*Chad made a motion to approve the design; Kate seconded. All in favor, motion carried 7-0.*

3. **Library and OZ Art.** Shelli and Hadi presented a proposal from OZ Art lending six pieces in their inventory to the library for a one-year loan.

- *Embroidered Quilt with earthworms...* by Daniel Dewar and Grégory Gicquel
- *Double Dutch* by Robin Rhode
- *Tegyu and Terrin (blue)* by Claire Tabouret
- *Walk Like an Egyptian* by Matt Kleberg
- *Untitled Prototype #4 (DIRTY GLOVES)* by Amanda Ross-Ho
- *Alchemist Table (Distillation)* by Paul Gillis

At the Bentonville Library Advisory Board (BLAB) meeting there was discussion on two of the pieces. Concern expressed about *Double Dutch* appearing to be the of the *Christ the Redeemer* statue in Brazil being tied up by the end of the series of images. Concern expressed about *DIRTY GLOVES* appearing to look like gloves used during an abortion. The BLAB approved all six pieces.

*Anne made a motion to approve all six pieces; Steve seconded. All in favor, motion carried 7-0.*

## PROJECT PLANNING

4. **John De Shields Roundabout.** Expect to receive an update in mid-August.
5. **Damaged Artwork – *Always and Pupil, Monarch and Dandelion*.** Waiting to determine whether federal funding will pay for repairs.
6. **Lil' Library Maintenance.** The Lil' Library near the Thaden fieldhouse is in need of minor maintenance. The committee preferred to wait until the RFP for the condition assessment is complete and it determine the best approach for maintenance.
7. **Sewer Mains at Town Branch.** Shelli shared a draft RFP to send this out to local schools and requested feedback before the next meeting.
8. **Woodworking Project/Storm Commemoration.** Shelli reported she requested \$100,000 for this project ins 2025 budget. Budget approval is expected in November.

## UPDATES

9. **Quilt of Parks** – First artwork will be installed on the north end next week.
10. **Water Tower & 8<sup>th</sup> Roundabout: *Singing Kites*.** Still working on a few details of the agreement.
11. **RFP: Youth Baseball.** Artist has received first payment and has started fabrication. Anticipating the park opening in March.
12. **Red Ball Project.** Installation on city property is September 11 and on private property on Sept. 15.
13. **RFP for Condition Assessment.** The RFP has been issued and the deadline for submittals is next Wednesday.
14. **Our Town Grant.** Shelli has been working with Becky Pinson, the city's grant writer, to submit an application to the NEA for an Our Town Grant to prepare a Public Art and Culture Master Plan. Awards notifications are expected by April 2025.
15. **2025 Budget Request.** As reported above, \$100,000 has been requested out of the capital funds and \$25,000 for the PAAC out of the department's general funds.

## OTHER BUSINESS

16. **Bike Scribbles.** The artist for the Bike Scribbles discussed last year reached out again to determine interests in moving forward with the project. This was presented as a regional project for CACHE but The Red Ball Project was ultimately selected by the participating cities. PAAC is not interested in pursuing this project at this time, but requested the artist keep an eye on upcoming RFPs.
17. **Roundtable Discussion.** Anne asked if the fallen sign at Double Slit Skyline had been reinstalled. Shelli will follow-up.
18. **Next Meeting:** September 10

## ADJOURNMENT

*Clint made a motion to adjourn; Chad seconded. All in favor; motion passed, 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.*