

Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

October 8, 2024

12:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 305 SW A Street

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



AGENDA

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/The Momentary
Carlyn Wilder, OZ Art

Staff

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

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes – Sep. 10 *

PROPOSALS –

1. John De Shields Roundabout Proposal
2. Bike Scribbles * (A&P Commission)
3. Walmart Campus Tunnels

PROJECT PLANNING

4. Repurpose of Storm Wood Concept
5. Asphalt Art Grant - <https://asphaltart.bloomberg.org/grants/>

UPDATES

6. Sewer Mains at Town Branch - RFP Issued / Schedule
7. Condition Assessment – Progress report
8. Damaged Artwork – *Always and Pupil, Monarch and Dandelion* * Update on removal
9. *All Biker(s) Welcome* – Progress report
10. Water Tower & 8th Roundabout: *Singing Kites* – Progress report
11. *Physics of Being (You are Here)* – Progress report
12. Library and OZ Art – Progress report
13. RFP: Youth Baseball – Progress report

OTHER BUSINESS

14. 21C Donation – Determine how to use funding
15. Library Event – Nov. 8
16. Roundtable Discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Nov. 12

*Attachment

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MINUTES

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- Josh Stacey, Deputy Director of Parks ✓

Call to Order. Tom Hoehn called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes. – Aug. 13

Clint made a motion to approve the August 13, 2024, minutes, Kate seconded. All in favor; motion passed 5-0. (Anne and Chad arrived after this vote.)

PROPOSALS - None

PROJECT PLANNING

1. **Sewer Mains at Town Branch.** Committee discussed whether there was a need for a theme, but decided to describe the surroundings (trail, nature, parks, creek) and encourage artwork to reflect those features. Distribute to schools, Jr High and up. Ready to publish with a deadline of end of calendar year, selection early winter and install spring before school gets out.
2. **Repurpose of Storm Wood Concept.** Anne shared several art concepts for repurposed wood by a local architecture and artist team. Committee considered benches and bus stop shelters (could be an opportunity to partner with ORT and regional plans to improve bus stops.) Would also like to see a table or bench for the wellness center. The committee asked staff to look into it further for small-scale projects.

UPDATES

3. **All Biker(s) Welcome.** Approved by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Monday night and on the City Council agenda tonight.
4. **Water Tower & 8th Roundabout: Singing Kites.** Agreement has been signed and promotions about the project have started.
5. **John De Shields Roundabout.** Crystal Bridges is finalizing proposal details and should have it ready to present in October. Question was asked if there are plans to widen J/John De Shields at that location – Shelli will check with transportation.
6. **Physics of Being (You are Here).** In process of getting signatures for agreement.
7. **Library and OZ Art.** In the process of getting signatures for agreement.
8. **Damaged Artwork – Always and Pupil, Monarch and Dandelion.** Need to review the original agreement for these pieces regarding removal and maintenance. The cost for replacement of Always a Pupil is \$5,425 and a determination is needed if it will stay at the same location, as that impacts how it is built to withstand future flooding of that tunnel. Action is needed specifically for Always a Pupil because of its state of dis repair. City is getting insurance for artwork.

Anne made a motion to deinstall "Always a Pupil", Steven seconded. All in favor, motion passed, 7-0.

- 9. RFP: Youth Baseball.** Josh reported that they are working with Crafton Tull on the foundation and plaza. They know where the artwork is going and intend to install first of the year, prior to the park opening.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 10. RFP for Condition Assessment.** Shelli reported that a consultant has been selected, Past Matters, LLC out of Baltimore, MD for a fee of \$14,446. Working on agreement and will start soon.
- 11. Red Ball Project** – Sept. 11 & 15 in Bentonville, Siloam Springs Thursday, Fayetteville Friday and Springdale Saturday.
- 12. Library Event.** Hadi, Tara and Carlyn are discussing details of an event and sharing information about the artwork being located in the library.
- 13. Roundtable Discussion**
- Crystal Bridges has an exhibition opening this weekend, *Knowing the West*, with indigenous artists, beginning with a lecture Friday night.
 - Shelli and Carlyn are speaking on a panel with artist Kurt Peschke about the Red Ball Project at 21 C tonight. They sold tickets and are donating the proceeds to the public art committee. As of this morning it was \$631.
 - Anne reported that Humongous Fungus will be de-installed Nov. 1. The Community Center reported that some of the flowers needed maintenance. The artist was out that morning to do some repairs. Largely due to the large number of foot traffic in the area, receiving positive feedback from parents and are hoping to promote photos of Halloween costumes in front of the mushroom.
 - The Pathways mural at Orchards Park will be moving to Lawrence Plaza for the Multicultural Festival on Oct. 4 and de-installed permanent on Oct. 7.
 - Mystic Parallax and Awol Erizku at Momentary this Friday from 11pm to 1 am.
 - This Thursday at the Record will be an Indian Music Festival hosted by the RaVe foundation. There will also be another one on Oct. 6 at Crystal Bridges – artists from India will be playing 100 strings between two instruments.
 - Shelli and Tom will be discussing public art at the American Planning Association Quad State Conference in October, including a walking tour.
 - The first of four sculptures have been installed at Lawrence Plaza as part of the Quilt of Parks, Bubble by Hou de Sousa.
 - Visit Bentonville has completed their art in public spaces map and will send the committee a link.
 - Gateway Park ribbon cutting is this Thursday.
 - Consider opportunities to raise awareness and community engagement, expand our pool of artist and how to get more artists on our contact lists. Also need to add a question on our proposal form about the resiliency of proposed artwork.
- 14. Next Meeting:** Oct. 8

ADJOURNMENT

Clint made a motion to adjourn; Anne seconded. All in favor; motion passed, 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Shelli Kerr

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2024 9:52 AM
To: Shelli Kerr
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Public Art Proposal

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Public Art Proposal

Proposal for Public Art

Type of Proposal	Unsolicited Proposal
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Date	9/30/2024
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Is the project a collaboration among multiple artists?	Yes
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Is the project curated by someone or an organization other than the artist?	Yes
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1) ARTIST INFORMATION

Complete this section with the primary artist's information. If this is a collaborative project with multiple artists, we will reach out for additional information on the other artists.

Name	Graham Edwards
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Address	2601 SE J St
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City	Bentonville
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State	ARKANSAS
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Zip Code	72712
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Email Address	grahamedwardsart@gmail.com
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Phone Number	4058128345
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Upload artist resume / [Graham Edwards.docx](#)
CV

Artist portfolio [Graham Edwards_1.docx](#)

Artist website <https://www.grahamedwardsart.com/>

2) CURATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Complete this section with the primary contact of the curator of this project, if applicable. If the project is being submitted by the artist, proceed to Section 3) Artwork Details.

Name	Elizabeth Miller
Title	Sr. Manager - Arts and Heritage
Organization Name	Walmart
Street Address	2601 SE J St
City	Bentonville
State	ARKANSAS
Zip Code	72712
Email Address	elizabeth.miller1@walmart.com
Phone Number	4796162375

3) ARTWORK DETAILS

Title of artwork	Greenway Tunnels
Medium	Paint
Height	Dims vary
Width and depth	Dims vary
Can the artwork be scaled smaller or larger?	No
Description of artwork	Proposed murals are for the lens shaped tunnels on the greenway as it traverses the new Walmart Corporate Campus. The first is a floral mural, featuring local flowers that will be in the tunnel under J St. just south of 5th street. A subtle note that

you are entering/leaving the Walmart campus with the phrases Hey Ya'll and Goodbye. Likely Jessica Jones will assist us with this mural.

The second tunnel is under 8th Street in the heart of the Walmart campus. For this tunnel, artist Graham Edwards will skillfully paint an ombre mural that takes you from white on the north side of the tunnel to deep blue on the south side of the tunnel.

The third tunnel is under 10th St. Technically a private street, we own this tunnel, but wanted to present it as part of this suite so that you can understand our overall artistic view. For this tunnel, Artist Graham Edwards will again skillfully paint, this time a graduated take on ombre – taking us again from white on the north to blue at the south in a wave like pattern.

Ideally, we would paint these murals this fall to allow for them to be completed prior to the opening of the Greenway so as to avoid any further inconveniences to the public.

Upload description of artwork	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Upload image of artwork	Tunnel Mural Concepts 9.24.24 (002).pdf
4) INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE	
Is the proposal for temporary or permanent display?	Permanent
If temporary, what is the requested display period?	Not applicable
Is the artwork already complete?	No
If yes, artwork is complete, is it currently on display?	No
If artwork is currently on display, when will it be available?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
If no, artwork is not complete, how much	1-2 months

time is needed for
fabrication?

Is the artwork best
suited for indoor or
outdoor display?

Outdoor

Is a foundation required
to install the artwork?

No

If a foundation is
required, indicate the
size and shape needed.

Field not completed.

Does the artwork
require access to
electricity?

No

Does the artwork
require access to
water?

No

What is the life
expectancy of the
artwork?

3-6 years

Are there any special
maintenance needs for
this artwork?

No

If there are maintenance
needs, please describe
here.

Walmart will handle all maintenance needs

5) BUDGET & FUNDING

(a) Material costs

0

Describe materials
costs.

Walmart will be responsible for all material costs.

(b) Production costs

0

Describe production
costs.

Walmart will be responsible for all production costs.

(c) Installation costs

0

Describe installation costs.	Walmart will be responsible for all installation costs.
(d) Total fabrication budget	0
(e) Artist's fee	0
(f) Travel costs	0
(g) Total budget	0
What is the planned funding for this proposal?	Private funding.

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-  J St. Tunnel – Flowers
-  8th Street Tunnel – Ombre
-  10th St Tunnel – Graduated Wave Ombre



J Street Tunnel



8th Street Tunnel



10th Street Tunnel

Artist Graham Edwards has completed multiple murals in Northwest Arkansas. The below projects would be most similar to the work he would be completing for this proposal. A full listing of his projects can be found on his website: [Graham Edwards Art](http://GrahamEdwardsArt.com)





New Nexus - Bentonville, AR



Ledger - Bentonville, AR



ArtCourt - Fayetteville, AR