

Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

Sep. 10, 2024

12:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 305 SW A Street

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



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 ✓

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**
- a. Crystal Bridges has an exhibition opening this weekend, *Knowing the West*, with indigenous artists, beginning with a lecture Friday night.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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.
 - e. Mystic Parallax and Awol Erizku at Momentary this Friday from 11pm to 1 am.
 - f. 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.
 - g. Shelli and Tom will be discussing public art at the American Planning Association Quad State Conference in October, including a walking tour.
 - h. The first of four sculptures have been installed at Lawrence Plaza as part of the Quilt of Parks, Bubble by Hou de Sousa.
 - i. Visit Bentonville has completed their art in public spaces map and will send the committee a link.
 - j. Gateway Park ribbon cutting is this Thursday.
 - k. 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.