

Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

November 12, 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 – Oct. 8 *

PROPOSALS – None received

PROJECT PLANNING

1. **Asphalt Art Grant** - <https://asphaltart.bloomberg.org/grants/> - grant prep team
2. **21C Donation** – *Determine how to use funding*

UPDATES

1. **J and John DeShields Roundabout** – *status update*
2. **Singing Kites** – *Update*
3. **Sewer Mains at Town Branch** - *RFP Issued / Schedule*
4. **Condition Assessment** – *Progress report*
5. **All Biker(s) Welcome** – *Complete*
6. **Physics of Being (You are Here)** – *Progress report*
7. **Bentonville Bat** – *Progress report*
8. **Tunnels at Walmart Campus** – *Progress report*

OTHER BUSINESS

9. **Repurpose of Storm Wood**
10. **Roundtable Discussion**

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Dec. 10

*Attachment

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MINUTES

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Guests: Alejo Benedetti from Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Becky Pinson – City of Bentonville Grant Writer, Christie King - Walmart

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

Approval of Minutes – Sep. 10 *

Grant made a motion to approve the September 10, 2024, minutes, Clint seconded. All in favor; motion passed 6-0.

PROPOSALS

1. John De Shields Roundabout Proposal.

Alejo Benedetti with Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art presented a proposal from Natasha Bowdoin to install a 22-piece painted aluminum sculpture of native fauna in the center area. On the edges would be a planting area, and the red skirt around roundabout will have a shadow component using street-grade materials. Artwork was presented and approved by the Traffic, Safety and Signage Committee. Crystal Bridges will be paying for the artwork and is requesting from the PAAC \$50,000 toward engineering and site work.

Kate made a motion to approve the the presented artwork by Natasha Bowdoin for installation in the roundabout at NE J St and John DeShields Blvd, Chad seconded. All in favor; motion passed 6-0.

2. Bike Scribbles (A&P Commission)

Shelli reported that the A&P Commission is considering pursuing the Bike Scribbles proposals the PAAC has seen a few times. Looking at locations now and should have a proposal by November.

3. Walmart Campus Tunnels

Christie King with Walmart presented proposals to paint murals on three tunnels in or adjacent to the new Walmart Corporate Campus. Two of the tunnels, SE J St and SE 8th St, are city property and require City Council approval. The proposal for the J St location is a floral design with text at the entrance/exit of the tunnel by Jessica Jones. Actual final verbiage is pending. The design for SE 8th St is an ombre mural by Graham Edwards.

Chad made a motion to approve both designs, pending city approval of verbiage on the floral mural, Kate seconded. All in favor; motion passed 6-0.

PROJECT PLANNING

4. Repurpose of Storm Wood Concept

Shelli reported that the request for funding for the repurposed wood art project was not passed through the budgeting process and that the PAAC will need to seek other funding options. Consider looking into Walton Family Foundation funding for bus shelters as art.

5. Asphalt Art Grant - <https://asphaltart.bloomberg.org/grants/>

Shelli shared this as a grant opportunity for artwork on streets and sidewalk – with a goal to focus on safety. She is working with Becky Pinson, the city's grant writer, and the bike and pedestrian coordination to craft a project. She asked the committee to submit to her any ideas.

UPDATES

6. **Sewer Mains at Town Branch** - RFP will be published this week.

7. **Condition Assessment** - Consultants will be in town early next week to conduct the assessment.

8. **Damaged Artwork – *Always and Pupil, Monarch and Dandelion*** - Always a Pupil will be removed this week and waiting on condition assessment to determine next steps with Monarch and Dandelion.

9. ***All Biker(s) Welcome*** – Being painted this week.

10. **Water Tower & 8th Roundabout: *Singing Kites*** – Agreement signed and artists to start soon.

11. ***Physics of Being (You are Here)*** – Parks is coordinating with this project.

12. **Library and OZ Art** – Still working on agreement.

13. **RFP: Youth Baseball** – No update.

OTHER BUSINESS

14. **21C Donation** – 21C has donated nearly \$1,000 to the PAAC from proceeds from ticket sales from a panel discuss during the Red Ball project. Shelli asked committee members to be thinking about how they'd like to spend it – add it to overall budget or use it for a specific purpose.

15. **Library Event** – Even schedule for OZ Art loaned artwork at the library on Nov. 8. Shelli will send details as they become available.

16. Roundtable Discussion

- a. Puzzle pieces at Train Station Park are deteriorating and will need to discuss its future with the Bentonville History Museum.
- b. Shelli and Tom hosted a session and walking tour of public art to attendees of the Quad State American Planning Association Conference.
- c. Tom attending an unveiling of art on a fiber optic box curated by Ritter Communications.
- d. Crystal Bridges is hosting a Scholastic Art Award.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Nov. 12

Anne made a motion to adjourn; Kate seconded. All in favor; motion passed, 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.