

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 Chair ✓
- 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 ✓
- Melisa Durkee, 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 12:02 pm.

Approval of Minutes – Oct. 8

Grant made a motion to approve the October 8, 2024, minutes, Anne seconded. All in favor; motion passed 5-0.

Tom introduced Melissa Durkee, Director of Projects and Collections with OZ Art.

PROPOSALS – None received

PROJECT PLANNING

1. **Asphalt Art Grant** - <https://asphaltart.bloomberg.org/grants/> . Shelli asked for any volunteers to work on a grant application committee for asphalt art. Anne and Tom requested to be involved.
2. **21C Donation** – Committee agreed to pull the donation into the annual committee allocation and to share how that is being used with 21C.

Mayor Orman was in attendance to share information about the student artwork that is temporarily installed in city hall. Her team is working with the schools to do this again this fall. Shelli indicated it would be helpful to determine a policy for what types of artwork need to come through PAAC and those that don't. Standard policy is that artwork in private offices are ok, but common spaces open to the public should be reviewed. Suggestion was to ask the teachers to ensure the public art policies are being followed.

UPDATES

3. **J and John DeShields Roundabout.** Crystal Bridges is currently reviewing the agreement.
4. **Singing Kites.** Shelby Fleming notified Shelli a couple weeks ago that she had to withdraw from the project due to medical reasons. Simone Cottrell will continue the project, and a new agreement has been completed.
5. **Sewer Mains at Town Branch** – One submission has been received and the deadline is Dec. 18.
6. **Condition Assessment** – Site visit is complete and expect a report within the next couple weeks.
7. **All Biker(s) Welcome** – Project is complete.
8. **Physics of Being (You are Here).** Timing is likely first of 2025.
9. **Bentonville Bat.** Artwork is complete and working with artist on installation schedule.

10. Tunnels at Walmart Campus. Agreement complete and work has begun.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. Repurpose of Storm Wood. The artists that prepared the proposal for bus shelters and pavilions are putting together a set of smaller more affordable proposals. The committee asked if they could get those by the next meeting. Regarding funding, Anne will talk with the Walton Family Foundation about possible funding bus shelters.

12. Roundtable Discussion

- Tom was a guest speaker on Visit Bentonville's new podcast on public art and he conducted an art walking tour with realtors from other cities.
- Cynthi shared that the Inverse Performance Art Festival begins next week as does Best in Show – pets in contemporary photography, at the Momentary.
- Visit Bentonville has an online public art map and working on a printed one. Crystal Bridges was voted one of the 20 best museums in America, and they are getting a U of A intern to work on tours and art essays.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Dec. 10

Grant made a motion to adjourn, Anne seconded. All in favor; motion passed 5-0.

*Attachment