

Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting

December 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 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 – November 12, 2024

Grant made a motion to approve the November 12, 2024, minutes, Steven seconded. All in favor; motion passed 5-0. (Anne had not yet arrived.)

1. **Service Recognition for Steven Baker and Grant Cottrell.** Shelli recognized Steven and Grant for their service on the Public Art Advisory Committee by sharing a list of projects that they were involved with and an award with their years of service.

PROPOSALS – None received

PROJECT PLANNING

2. **Asphalt Art Grant.** Shelli explained shared the selected project locations for the asphalt grant application:

- 5th & Bella Vista Rd / Crosswalk at 5th & D St / 9th & Bella Vista Rd
- McCollum and Central / Trails End & McCollumn

Goals include to:

- Improve safety
- Draw attention to coming close to a school zone
- Neighborhood identity
- Test paint materials
- Establish a neighborhood pilot program

3. **2025 Budget – Project Ideas.** Shelli shared that the 2025 budget includes the \$25,000 for the committee plus \$75,000 reserved for matching funds if awarded the Our Town grant for a Master Public Art Plan. The funding for the sewer main project has moved into 2025 since it won't be started this year. The Condition Assessment report will inform decisions on funding needed for maintenance.

Anne shared recent proposal from Cromwell on reusing the wood for the bus shelter. The estimate for the largest shelter is approximately \$98,000. Opportunities for funding include a Bus Shelter grant from the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission. Tom mentioned that the Excellerate Foundation is looking for opportunities to incorporate art into its new development, McAuley Place. The Cromwell team would like to schedule time to look at the wood.

Committee members asked about data from the Red Ball project. Shelli will research.

UPDATES

4. **J and John DeShields Roundabout.** Waiting on CB to review contract.
5. ***Singing Kites.*** Submitted first payment and they are initiating work
6. **Sewer Mains at Town Branch.** Only one submittal so far, received one question about the number of paint colors.
7. **Condition Assessment.** Should have report by end-of-the-year.
8. ***Physics of Being (You are Here).*** Won't begin until next year.
9. ***Bentonville Bat.*** Artwork is complete. Parks is working on site prep for installation next Spring.
10. **Repurpose of Storm Wood.** Covered under Budget item.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. **Meeting Date –** *Recommendation to move to last Tuesday of the month to better align with other approvals needed before City Council.*

Anne made a motion to move the meeting to the 4th Tuesday of the month, Chad seconded. All in favor, motion passed 6-0.

Next meeting will be January 28, 2025.

12. **PAAC Appointments.** Received 18 applications, 4 are non-residents, interviewing 5. Plan to take to CC for approval on Jan. 14. With the new meeting day, the new appointee's first meeting will be January 28.
13. **Roundtable Discussion.** No discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Steven made a motion to adjourn, Grant seconded. All in favor; motion passed 6-0.