

**Public Arts Board \* April 11, 2017 \* 4:00 pm, City Hall**

**In Attendance:** Jonathan Fowler, Erinn Gavaghan, Mike Tower, Douglas Shaw Elder, Jana Moring, Jud Foster, Ally Richardson, Debby Williams and Taylor Wagner

**Guests:** Josh Boydston (NAC)

Fowler called the meeting to order at 4:05.

**Item 1 – Welcome**

**Item 2 – Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from March’s meeting was made by Moring and seconded by Elder; the minutes were accepted.

**Item 3 – Update of Finances**

Fowler reported a current balance of \$34,745.15 (from the City and NAC/Art in Public Places Fund) and \$4,514.35 in utility donations...for a total of \$39,259.50 in available funds. Meanwhile, \$20,000.00 is committed to various upcoming projects (including the establishment of a general maintenance fund *and* phase 4 of the bicycle racks), which leaves a total balance of \$19,259.50 in net available funds.

There were no expenses since the last report.

**Item 4 – Bike Racks**

- a. The call for the next round of bike rack design submissions has gone out. Selections will take place in June at the regularly scheduled monthly PAB meeting and installation of the racks will take place by EOY 2017.

When asked about potential locations for the racks, Boydston stated that a contact of his had recently suggested the Farmers Market/Cleveland County Fairgrounds. Boydston plans to further explore this option to ensure that the fairgrounds are indeed public property. Additionally, Fowler mentioned that, after talking to Lesha Maag (NAC), another opportunity/location under consideration might include a partnership with the newly established community bike-share program.

Gavaghan reported that she had recently been contacted by Sooner Mall about the potential for installing artist-designed bike racks there. It was determined that because the mall is private property, the PAB cannot wholly facilitate the process—but we can definitely still provide direction and assist with design selections. Elder stated that conversations and opportunities like those presented by Sooner Mall, could perhaps provide the PAB with yet another “platform” for the Board to further highlight our mission and various projects.

Gavaghan also stated that she had been approached by SafeRide. She plans to further explore this option to make the difference between private vs. public use and sponsorship (with corresponding signage, etc.) of the racks is clear.

- b. The NAC Board approved the establishment of a general maintenance account for the PAB to use for *all* projects as necessary.

**Item 5 – Ducks**

The “Princess Leia” duck has been delivered the Firehouse. Elder mentioned that he would like the “grand reveal” of all three completed ducks to take place during the Earth Day celebration at Reaves Park on Sunday, April 23. Fowler stated that he would send out an email so that PAB members can volunteer at the event to take pictures and hand out duck maps and utility donation forms.

**Item 6 – OU Sculpture Class projects**

The committee met on March 24 for a design review with the artists. All of the projects are progressing so far and another design review will be scheduled for later this month.

**Item 7 – Social Media**

Wagner reported that she will continue to push the call for artists for phase 4 of the bike racks.

**Item 8 – Mosaic Project**

No official report was given since Lockstone was absent.

**Item 9 – Percent for Art Projects**

- a. Westwood Update – Williams reported that the project at Westwood is continuing to progress on schedule.
- b. East Library Update – Williams explained that the Selection Committee is scheduled to meet to vote on finalists for this project on April 28. The PAB and NAC Board will approve the selections in May at their regularly scheduled meetings.

**Item 10 – PAB Four Year Strategic Plan**

Gavaghan explained that after talking to Brenda Hall (City Clerk), it was unclear whether or not the PAB was required to submit an “official” plan to the City. She stated that Hall would be in touch with more information soon.

**Item 11 – PAB Annual Report to City of Norman**

Fowler reported that he is finishing this report and will distribute it via email to the Board for approval soon. Once approved by the PAB, the report will be submitted to City Council for final approval.

**Item 12 – NMF Public Art Project**

Wagner reported that the materials—including the stencils, wood, and other supplies—have been purchased. Construction on the chalk wall is progressing. The wall will be displayed at NMF from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29.

**Item 13 – Robinson Street Underpass Mural**

Fowler stated that this project is ongoing. In the meantime, more research will be done to determine ownership of the railway bridge as well as the approximate timeline for completion of the construction scheduled to take place there, etc.

**Item 14 – Future Board Member Development**

In addition to those individuals mentioned at the PAB meeting last month (Melissa Scaramucci, Michael Bendure, and Zena Amer), Fowler also suggested Ann Masters as another potential nominee. He is going to check on term dates of current board members and report back at the next meeting.

**New Business**

Elder expressed concern about the PAB’s funding of the We Art Lindsey project and his frustration with the infiltration of *non*-local/Lindsey Street-based merchants. It was determined that a meeting with the Lindsey Street Merchants [Association] might help resolve some of these issues and other similar conflicts of interest.

**Next Meeting**

May 8, 2017

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Elder and seconded by Richardson; motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Taylor Mauldin Wagner