

## Public Arts Board \* May 8, 2017 \* 4:00 pm, City Hall

**In Attendance:** Jonathan Fowler, Cheryl Lockstone, Mike Tower, Douglas Shaw Elder, Debby Williams and Taylor Wagner

**Guests:** N/A

Fowler called the meeting to order at 4:08.

### Item 1 – Welcome

### Item 2 – Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from April's meeting was made by Tower and seconded by Lockstone; the minutes were accepted.

### Item 3 – Update of Finances

No report was given since Erinn Gavaghan is out of the country. Finances will be reviewed at the June meeting.

### Item 4 – Bike Racks

- a. Design submissions are coming in slowly. The project will continue to be promoted on social media until the deadline next month.

### Item 5 – Ducks

All three ducks have been completed and are currently residing at the FAC until they are picked up by the City and installed at their respective locations. The ducks were officially “unveiled” at Earth Day at Reaves Park which also provided the PAB with an opportunity to distribute maps and utility donation slips.

### Item 6 – OU Sculpture Class projects

All four pieces have been installed at Lions Park. A reception for the artists will take place on site on Tuesday, May 9, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

### Item 7 – Social Media

Current posts have included the new duck sculptures, NMFx chalk wall, and a push for new bike rack design submissions.

### Item 8 – Mosaic Project

The name plates have been completed and will be installed soon.

### Item 9 – Percent for Art Projects

- a. Westwood Update – Williams reported that the artist is in the fabrication stage and that the project continues to progress on schedule.
- b. East Library Update – Williams explained that the winning artist and design have been selected for this location. James Johnson, the artist, plans to create a 14 ft. tall sculpture that is both educational (with references to the summer and winter solstices) and aesthetically pleasing (featuring Mayan/Aztec motifs). The piece should be installed by the end of 2018.

There was a brief discussion regarding the use of local vs. out-of-town artists for Norman-based public art projects. It was suggested that in order to bridge the gap among native Norman artists and opportunities here, there should, perhaps, be more education provided to those constituents in an effort to further their respective levels of expertise, sophistication, and resources—not only so that they can be successful *here*, but also so that they can garner a reputation *elsewhere* (just as some non-Norman-based artists have done here).

### Item 10 – PAB Four-Year Strategic Plan

Review of the PAB Four-Year Strategic Plan has been postponed until further notice.

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

Fowler reported that he has completed a draft of the Annual Report which will be presented to the PAB for edits and approval at the next meeting.

### Item 12 – NMFx Public Art Project

Wagner reported that the project was a huge success. Due to the threat of severe weather on Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, the wall was actually set up and displayed throughout the evening of Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup>. The piece is currently being stored at Wagner's home until future use at 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, along Lindsey Street, at elementary schools or elsewhere. The walls can be further customized or adapted to include other prompts such as "Norman will be...", etc.

**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. Tower suggested that some creative use of lighting might help highlight any artistic endeavors that are pursued on/under the bridge.

**Item 14 – Future Board Member Development**

Jana Moring resigned shortly following the PAB's April meeting and Fowler plans to do the same in June or July.

Meanwhile, applications for Melissa Scaramucci, Ann Masters, and Zena Amer have been submitted to Brenda Hall (City Clerk) for review by Mayor Miller. Once the mayor has made her selection, it will be presented to City Council for final approval.

**Item 15 – Maintenance Checks and Waxing**

Fowler encouraged the PAB to check and cross-reference schedules so that a weekend (or two) can be determined for maintenance checks and waxing of the various bronze sculptures found throughout Norman.

**New Business**

Fowler revealed the NAC's selection of the branding for the new and aptly named downtown "Walker Arts District."

**Next Meeting**

June 12, 2017

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted, Taylor Mauldin Wagner