

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

In Attendance: Mike Tower, Erinn Gavaghan, Douglas Elder, Debby Williams, Taylor Wagner, Ally Richardson, and Melissa Scaramucci

Guests: Josh Boydston

Item 1 - Tower called the meeting to order at 4:05.

Item 2 – Welcome

Item 3 – Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from August's meeting was made by Scaramucci and seconded by Elder; the minutes were accepted.

Item 4 – Update of Finances

Tower reported a previous balance of \$59,532.11 in available funds in the NAC account; meanwhile, \$20,000.00 has been committed to various upcoming projects (including the general maintenance fund and phase 4 of the bicycle racks). Net available funds are \$39,532.11 with no expenses made the previous month.

Item 5 – Bike rack project

Gavaghan explained that Councilmember Breea Clark recently approached her about the possibility of the PAB installing some of the new PAB bike racks on the east side of Norman (in Clark's district). Potential locations for installation included the Eastside Library, Sutton Wilderness, Griffin Dog Park, and/or the area located just northeast of Griffin. The PAB agreed that one (if not more than one) of these sites would certainly be "doable" as far as future placement of the racks goes.

Item 6 – Ducks

Elder stated that he had recently heard that the ducks had, in fact, been installed (however, Jud Foster was unable to attend the PAB meeting to confirm).

Item 7 – Social Media

Wagner reported that social media efforts will focus on "Splash," as well as the "Museum Without Walls" endeavor spearheaded by the NAC.

Item 8 – Percent for Art Projects

Williams reported that the completion and installation of "Splash" at Westwood will be slightly delayed due to the fact that the artist (and piece itself) had to endure the storms recently in Florida. Installation is likely to take place in October. Williams has been working with the NAC to develop an appropriate PR and marketing plan for pre-installation and the ultimate unveiling of the sculpture.

Williams additionally stated that the public art/Percent for Art project at the Eastside Library branch is scheduled to be approved by City Council on September 12; meanwhile, the RFQ for the *Central* Library was released on August 31 (deadline for submissions has been scheduled for October 27).

Williams then went on to describe the progress and implementation of the NAC's "Public Art is Smart" initiative. This pilot educational program encourages teachers to use local public art as inspiration and "learning lessons" for subjects *beyond* art. Truman Elementary will be the first Norman-based school to experiment with this program.

Item 9 – By-laws

Tower notified Board members of the need to update and revise the PAB By-laws. Changes included the following:

- 1) Under section 9.2, the number of members appointed by the NAC Roundtable was increased from 1 to 2. Additionally, since the Norman Gallery Association no longer exists, a member will be appointed by the NAC instead.
 - a. A motion to make this change was made by Elder and seconded by Richardson.
- 2) On page 34, the section that begins "No funds of the Art in Public Places Fund shall be expended..." has been edited to read, "Funds that appear outside of the PAB-approved annual budget may be expended with approval of the PAB and NAC Boards."
 - a. A motion to make this change was made by Scaramucci and seconded by Elder.

- 3) In section 9.12, the language was changed so that the PAB's fiscal year aligns with that of the NAC and City. It now states that "The PAB shall submit an annual report of activities to the City no later than July of each year." In other words, the fiscal year begins in July and continues through June.
 - a. A motion to make this change was made by Elder and seconded by Scaramucci.

Item 10 – Robinson Street/Front Street Extension

It was recommended by Tower that the Board take some time to research comparable city's Master Public Art Plans (OKC and Phoenix) so that the PAB can develop their and thus have a better idea of how to prepare for future projects such as the Front Street Extension/Robinson Street—among others—throughout the next several years.

Item 11 – Update Master Plan/Board Retreat

See **Item 10**. The Board Retreat has been scheduled to take place on Sunday, October 29, at Melissa Scaramucci's house.

Item 12 – Maintenance Checks and Waxing

TBD.

Item 13 – Public Art Catalog/Museum Without Walls

Gavaghan reported that Norman's collection of public art has been archived and published on the Museum Without Walls website. Titles, artists' names, dates, and mediums are included.

Item 14 – New Business

- 1) We Art Lindsay St. – Gavaghan and Williams explained that they have been exploring ways to utilize the remaining funds for this project. They have decided to work with Oklahoma-based light-projection artist Kyle Van Osdol who will create and implement a piece on the side(s) of the Goodwill building. The piece will remain ongoing (and on display) through November.
- 2) Sean Mueller – Mueller contacted Gavaghan regarding the PAB's potential sponsorship of his temporary public art piece that is to be installed at Oak Tree South Park. Gavaghan is to follow up with more information. (It was later decided via e-mail that the PAB would support Mueller's project at the \$150 level; however, the need for further discussion of how to handle proposals and projects like this in the future remained and will take place at the PAB Retreat.)

Next Meeting

November 13, 2017

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Elder and seconded by Richardson; meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Taylor Mauldin Wagner