

## Public Arts Board \* October 9, 2017 \* 4:00 pm, City Hall

**In Attendance:** Mike Tower, Erinn Gavaghan, Douglas Elder, Debby Williams, Ann Masters, Cheryl Lockstone, Taylor Wagner, and Melissa Scaramucci

**Guests:** Councilman Bill Hickman and Betty Mafucci (sp?)

**Item 1** - Tower called the meeting to order at 4:03.

### **Item 2 – Welcome**

### **Item 3 – Approval of Minutes**

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

### **Item 4 – Update of Finances**

Tower reported a balance of \$60,423.33 in the NAC account (\$59,532.11 was the previous balance plus \$891.22 in utility donations from August); meanwhile, \$20,000.00 has been committed to various upcoming projects (including the general maintenance fund and phase 4 of the bicycle racks). The net available fund balance is \$40,423.33 with no expenses made the previous month.

### **Item 5 – Discussion of possible art project on DeBarr (presented by Councilmember Bill Hickman)**

Councilman Hickman proposed that the PAB consider working with the residents of DeBarr Street to create an installation, statue, or placard that could provide the general public with some historical context regarding the street's namesake. Due to the political nature of this undertaking, the PAB has decided to further discuss this project (as well as the potential for others like it in the future) at the upcoming Board Retreat.

### **Item 6 – Bike rack project**

Foster reported that James Briggs (Norman Parks and Recreation Department) is currently exploring various potential installation locations (including Lindsey Street, Brookhaven, and east Norman) for the eight new racks. The Board decided that perhaps it would be best to determine the locations for them along Lindsey *after* construction there is finished. Foster stated that the racks can be stored by the City until installation takes place. Installation locations will be finalized at the retreat.

### **Item 7 – Ducks**

Elder stated that he has been working on getting photographs of the new ducks now that they have been installed. Once the pictures are taken, then the new map can be produced.

Elder also reported that he was recently approached by the Moore-Lindsey House regarding the possibility of creating a "Victorian-themed" duck. It was determined that the Moore-Lindsey House would fully fund and spearhead the project, but the PAB will provide assistance as needed throughout the process.

### **Item 8 – Social Media**

Wagner reported that social media efforts will focus on the installation and unveiling of "Splash" at Westwood.

### **Item 9 – Percent for Art Projects**

Williams reported that installation of "Splash" will take place soon. She is working with Gavaghan to determine the cost of potentially partnering with a local PR firm in order to host an "official" unveiling of the piece.

### **Item 10 – By-laws**

Gavaghan reported that the NAC Governance Committee was meeting later that afternoon to review and approve the changes recently made to the PAB By-laws. Once approved by that body, the changes will then be sent to the NAC Board and City for final approval.

### **Item 11 – Temporary Art Grant**

Gavaghan encouraged the PAB to determine a method for reviewing and approving grant requests for temporary public art pieces. This came as a result of artist Sean Mueller asking for \$150 from the PAB to fund a recent outdoor public art piece of his. The Board decided that a method for reviewing and fostering requests such as Mueller's would be determined at the retreat.

### **Item 12 – Public Art Catalog/Museum Without Walls**

Gavaghan reported that she is working to confirm that the link to the PAB archives (now found on the Museum Without Walls website) has also been updated on the *City's* website.

**Item 13 – Robinson Street/Front Street Extension**

No update at this time.

**Item 14 – Update Master Plan/Board Retreat**

Tower stated that the Board Retreat has been scheduled to take place from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at Board member Melissa Scaramucci's house (4401 Cannon Drive).

**Item 15 – Maintenance Checks and Waxing**

TBD.

**Item 16 – New Business**

Although there was no new business, Tower encouraged Board members to start reviewing, researching, and thinking about the following:

- a. The OKC and Phoenix Public Art Master Plans
- b. Potential funding sources for public art *aside* of the % for Public Art portion of Norman Forward
- c. The future of public art in Norman—what? how? when?
- d. Determine protocol for future grant requests (ie., Sean Mueller's piece near Hwy. 9)
- e. Determine protocol for potentially *decommissioning* various public art pieces

**Next [Board] Meeting**

November 13, 2017

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Scaramucci and seconded by Elder; meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Taylor Mauldin Wagner