

Public Arts Board * March 11, 2019 * 4:00 pm, City Hall

In Attendance: Gary Kramer, Debby Williams, Michael Bendure, Taylor Wagner, Douglas Shaw Elder, Lynn Siano, Jud Foster.

Item 1 – Kramer called the meeting to order at 4:03.

Item 2 – Welcome

No guests.

Item 3 – Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from February's meeting was provided by Bendure and seconded by Elder. The minutes were accepted without further discussion.

Item 4 – Update of Finances

The Finance Report indicated a beginning balance of \$60,164.47—in addition to \$4,449.80 in utility donations from 2/19/19 EFT plus \$852.40 in utility donations from February—for a total of \$65,466.41 in available funds. Committed funds include \$4,000 (for ongoing maintenance of PAB projects); \$20,000 for bike racks (thanks to Fowler/Toyota grants); and \$2,000 for artful inlets artist honorariums. Net available funds total \$39,466.41.

February activity overall included a deposit for utility donations from September 2018 through January 2019 totaling \$4,449.80 and an expense of \$608.52 to Toast for the new brochures.

Item 5 – Current Art Items

- a. City Storm Water Project/Artful Inlets – Williams reported that twelve submissions were received from which the “top five” designs were chosen by the selection committee. Winning artists will begin designing and painting their respective inlets on Friday, April 12, at 2:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed throughout the weekend to assist the artists and spread the word about the initiative itself and PAB in general. All of the necessary equipment including tents, lights, water, etc., will be provided by the City/NAC. Kramer suggested that a donation jar be available at each inlet as well.

Williams additionally stated that many submissions did not meet the requirements (included within the RFP) so it was determined that the NAC/PAB will host an informational kind of “Public Art 101” class in the near future in an effort to better educate local artists on best practices.

- b. Bike racks – The call is out and submissions are due April 12. The new racks will be installed at four local parks and along West Main St.

Item 6 – Percent for Art Projects

- a. Central Library – The artist will be in Norman during the week of June 11 to oversee installation. The NAC/PAB remain hopeful that the dedication will include a presentation by the artist himself.
- b. Splash – Repairs are underway so that the piece can be repainted and reinstalled by Memorial Day weekend.
- c. Ruby Grant Park – Simply waiting on the “green light” as Norman Forward progresses.
- d. East Branch Library – The artist himself is coming to Norman for the solstice at which time there will be a celebration highlighting this sculpture.

Item 7 – Public Art is Smart

Williams recently met with the Community After-School Program who is currently working on accreditation status—at which point they plan to incorporate some of the PAIS materials into their curriculum.

Item 8 – Public Arts Master Plan

- a. Strategic Planning Committee – the PAMP Steering Committee will meet on March 12 for their final meeting; shortly thereafter, the SWOT Committee will convene.

Item 9 – Board Status Reports

- a. PAB Utility Donation Committee – No updates at this time. Bendure plans to meet with Gavaghan soon to further discuss roles and responsibilities of PAB vs. NAC.
- b. Social Media – Wagner was encouraged to include live streaming and more interactive posts. It was determined that the upcoming Artful Inlets “weekend” would be the perfect opportunity for Board members to record, share, and post about the PAB and its efforts (or send them to Wagner for her to feature).
- c. Duck Sculptures – Elder reported that a thorough assessment of all of the ducks has been a bit challenging with the recent weather. He also stressed the need to figure out a plan for the current damaged ducks—especially regarding VARA. Meanwhile, Williams assured Elder and other PAB members that this kind of language was included in the contract for the Artful Inlets.

- d. Website Development – Ongoing.

Item 10 – Current/New Projects

- e. The Project Committee met recently and discussed the possibility of a light installation. The PAB was encouraged to brainstorm about their own ideas so that they can share those with the Project Committee as well.
- f. Williams stated that the Norman Regional Hospital in Moore recently contacted the NAC about helping them with the mural process; the NAC has agreed to act as a consultant on the project for a 10% fee (although the budget is yet to be determined). Elder expressed some concern about the appearance of the PAB/NAC being “for hire,” however, Williams assured him that this opportunity is one that only helps the PAB/NAC increase its exposure and utilize its expertise. Elder then agreed to serve on the selection committee for the project.

Adjournment

Elder moved to adjourn the meeting; Bendure seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Taylor Wagner