

Public Arts Board * October 14, 2019 * 4:00 pm, City Hall Building – Study Session Room

In Attendance: Cheryl Lockstone, Gary Kramer, Taylor Wagner, Douglas Shaw Elder, Ally Richardson, Michael Bendure, Jud Foster, Debby Williams (NAC Public Arts Manager).

Item 1 – Lockstone called the meeting to order at 4:02.

Item 2 – Welcome

Guests: N/A

Item 3 – Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting was provided by Richardson and seconded by Bendure. The minutes were accepted without further discussion.

Item 4 – Update of Finances

The finance report as of October 7, 2019 reflected the following:

- Current balance of \$64,976.54 in addition to \$180 from the “Unbound” Dedication, \$819.50 from August utility donations and \$789.03 in September utility donations leaves a total of \$66,765.07 in available funds. There were some concerns regarding the *decrease* in utility donations from month to month, but the PAB is currently working on plans to tackle that issue.
- Committed funds include \$4,000 for ongoing maintenance, \$18,600 for more bike racks, and \$5,000 for NAC administration.
- NET available funds total \$39,165.07
- Note: Financial “activity” in September included \$100 honorariums to Beatriz Mayorca, Joe Howell, Matt Goad, Denise Duong and Rick Sinnett for the recent Public Art Workshop.

Item 5 – Bike Rack Report

Three of the new bike racks have been installed on Lindsey Street at Sooner Pharmacy, Classic 50s, and the bus stop. The PAB *might* pursue another round of racks next year—but that is all contingent on the grant we typically receive from Fowler/Toyota.

Item 6 – Percent for Art Projects

- Percent for Art Projects:
 - The public art project at **Ruby Grant Park** has a \$40,000 budget. The deadline for submissions has passed and selection will take place soon.
 - The selection panel for the project at **Andrews Park** (including the skate park) has been put together. The project at this location has a \$15,000 budget for public art.
 - Opening festivities for the **Central Library** will take place on November 3, 2019. Meanwhile, Debby is considering nominating “Unbound”—located in the front entrance of the library—for a [much-deserved] national award (or two)!
 - It is currently undetermined if there will be a public art component at the new **Senior Wellness Center**.
 - Remaining Norman Forward and Norman Forward Percent for Art projects include: Griffin Park, Reaves Park and the aquatic/multi-purpose facility.
- Public Art is Smart – Some teachers have recently had trouble downloading the materials so everything will soon be made available on Submittables.com instead.
- Public Art Master Plan – The first SWOT at MAINSITE went well. City staff will have their own SWOT in November and the NAC Board will perform theirs in January. Debby is also currently working on surveys to distribute after each session to encourage feedback about the process from participants.
- Public Art Workshop – The first one of these was recently held and was very successful. There were at least 25 artists in attendance. The next workshop, “Public Art Inclusion and Accessibility,” will be held in January or February of next year and will be led by Ann Cunningham and two other panelists.
 - Kramer moved to approve that the PAB allocate \$7,000 *total* to help cover the costs of these workshops; the motion was seconded by Richardson. During discussion, Elder asked that a budget be drafted so that the PAB can keep an eye on all associated costs.

Item 7 – PAB Utility Donation Committee

- Bendure recently met with Gavaghan to discuss how best to tackle social media and fundraising for the PAB. In the near future, it is likely that the NAC will take over social media for the PAB. In addition, the PAB hopes to obtain a list of Norman residents who currently participate in the utility donation option for PAB so that the Board can properly thank them for their support.

Item 8 – New Business

- Artist-initiated projects – Richardson and Williams recently met to start drafting a process/policy for artists.

- City of Norman Artful Inlet Project – The City is interested in doing another round of “artful inlets.” The City was also recently nominated to receive an award for Oklahoma Beautiful.
- Election of Officers – Lockstone said that she would continue her role as Chair through October 2020. Meanwhile, the PAB is considering adding more members—which may entail rewriting the ordinance.

Adjournment

Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30; Kramer seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Taylor Wagner