

## Public Arts Board \* January 13, 2020 \* 4:00 pm, City Hall Building – Study Session Room

**In Attendance:** Cheryl Lockstone, Lynne Siano, Taylor Wagner, Douglas Shaw Elder, Ally Richardson and Michael Bendure. Also: Debby Williams (Public Art Manager) and Erinn Gavaghan (NAC Executive Director)

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

### **Item 2 – Welcome**

Guests: N/A

### **Item 3 – Approval of Minutes**

Siano moved to approve the minutes from November with an amendment made by Lockstone. The motion was seconded by Elder and all were in favor.

### **Item 4 – Update of Finances**

The finance report as of January 7, 2020 reflected the following:

- Current balance of \$67,299.03 in addition to \$626.28 and \$550.00 in utility donations from November and December, respectively, results in \$68,477.31 of available funds.
- Committed funds include \$4,000 for ongoing maintenance; \$18,600 for more bike racks; \$2,000 for Artful Inlets Artist Honorariums; and \$5,000 for NAC administration. Although it was not included in the report, there is \$2,400 earmarked for the upcoming public art workshop as well.
- NET available funds total \$38,877.31

### **Item 5 – Overview of Public Arts Manager Report**

Williams provided the PAB with a handout that includes an overview and updates regarding Norman Forward % for Public Art projects. Current projects include the following:

- Public Art Master Plan – Currently working on inventory of Norman’s public art. SWOT analysis to be conducted soon with City of Norman staff and then with the NAC board. Sara Kaplan (City of Norman) will serve as the liaison for NF%4Art projects.
- Public Art Workshop –The next workshop will be held on Saturday, February 22. The topic is “Public Art: Inclusive by Design.”
- Artful Inlets – An information session about this project will be held on January 22 at 6:30 p.m. Design and installation will take place on April 10-11 during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Art Walk.
- Percent for Art Projects:
  - Ruby Grant Park Update – A site visit with the three finalists was held on January 9. Finalists include: Tracey and Rick Bewley (OKC), Klint Schore (OKC) and Valerie Thegerge (D.C.).
  - Senior Wellness Center – TBD. Important to note, however, that even though there is currently no money for public art for the Senior Wellness Center, Williams plans to make a request to the Financial Oversight Board to use the Reeves Park 1% specifically for public art at the Senior Wellness Center site.
  - Andrews Park – The NAC board will approve the selection panel list at their meeting on January 17. Richardson will serve as the PAB representative on the Selection Panel for this project.
  - Aquatic/Multi-sport Facility – The Ad Hoc Advisory Group continues to meet with the FSB design team and other community partners.
  - Remaining projects for 2020: Griffin Park.
- Public Art is Smart – Sue Madole, the PAIS education expert, will meet with Dr. Simmons (Assistant Superintendent for NPS) on January 22 to show her the latest resources for *Prairie Wind* and the 2020 marketing plan.

### **Item 6 – Utility Donation Report**

Gavaghan reported that there is still no way to set up any kind of automatic payment on the current City site unless the customer *manually* enters their contribution. Once the new system is actually in place, there is a chance that this may change. Either way, as of right now, it appears that customers must fill out a form in order to automatically donate to the PAB.

In the meantime, Lockstone drafted a letter to Anthony Francisco (Director of Finance for the City of Norman) in an effort to continue to alert him of this issue and to additionally stress the importance of keeping the site user-friendly (especially when it comes to the PAB utility donations).

### **Item 7 – Artful Inlets**

This year’s theme is “H2Only.” PAB members were encouraged to use the project’s unveiling at the April Art Walk as an opportunity to spread the word about the PAB.

**Item 8 – Sammo Ducky**

Elder reported that the ducks continue to deteriorate and suggested that a plan regarding VERA and contacting artists must be made so soon so that the PAB can proceed with maintenance. Williams plans to draft an agreement that will include conditions as they relate to the removal and reuse various of PAB projects.

Elder additionally stated that he would like to ensure that there are 1-2 ducks installed within every City ward. He also said that he would explore the potential cost of current repairs needed. If/when ducks are removed for repairs, it was suggested that a small sign (much like a campaign poster/yard sign) be put in its place to alert the neighborhood of the duck's status.

**Item 8 – New Business**

Gavaghan reported that the NAC will start its Strategic Planning Process soon and that a 5-hour board retreat has been planned for February.

**Adjournment**

Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:25.

Respectfully submitted,  
Taylor Wagner