

**(REVISED)**  
**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DENTON**  
**PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE**  
March 1, 2018

After determining that a quorum was present, the Public Art Committee of the City of Denton, Texas, convened on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at 4:31 p.m. The meeting was held in the City Council Work Session Room, 215 East McKinney Street, Denton, Texas, 76201.

**PRESENT:** Joe Duncan, Gerry Veeder, Ed Steele, Guy Bruggeman, Brian Wheeler  
Millie Giles, Monet Franklin, and Michelle Lynn

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bryan Langley, Caroline Booth, Michelle Cunningham, Christina Davis,  
and Michelle Coughlin

**A. PAC18-004 Consider approval of the minutes of the February 8, 2018 meeting.**

Lynn made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2018, meeting.  
Veeder seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

**B. PAC18-001 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding staff support provided to the Public Art Committee and feedback from committee members regarding potential improvements.**

Langley opened the meeting and welcomed committee members and staff. Langley mentioned it was a strategic decision to bringing Economic Development and the PAC together, as Economic Development projects involve the opportunity to work with projects relating to public art. Also, Langley stated, Economic Development staff is experienced in supporting advisory boards and has the staff capacity to take over support of the PAC in an interim basis. Langley explained that ED staff will provide detailed meeting minutes and will audio record each of the PAC committee meetings. Langley explained that speaker cards will be available as a means for the public to provide input on current PAC meeting agenda items.

Langley encouraged the committee members to bring forward agenda item topics for future meetings, so staff will have the opportunity to research recommended topics ahead of each committee meeting. Langley mentioned that moving forward, operating within general processes and procedures will encourage staying on topic, as well as compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

The committee expressed the following as future discussion topics:

- Local artist participation
- Updates to the master plan
- Updates to the public art policy

**C. PAC18-002 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding an update on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center public art procurement process.**

Booth gave an update on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center public art procurement process. Booth explained that a Request for Proposal will be ready to go into the marketplace in April. Booth inquired of the PAC regarding their direction on the amount of time the RFP should be in the marketplace. Ngozi mentioned that 4 weeks would be a good time period, Steele and Wheeler concurred. Duncan suggested providing a link on the PAC website, along with local channels of communication, to local artists to advertise this job opportunity.

(Moved forward to Agenda Item E, waiting on presenter of Agenda Item D to arrive from a prior meeting.)

**E. PAC18-005 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and make a recommendation to City Council regarding artistic fencing at the new Denton Fire Station # 3.**

Chief Kenneth Hedges gave a presentation regarding artistic fencing at the new Denton Fire Station # 3. Chief Hedges mentioned that the location of the artistic fencing would be in great area due to the high visibility at McCormick Street/I-35.

Hedges presented two options for consideration that would represent the history of the fire department by incorporating imagery from a fire badge executed in Corten Steele – a Maltese cross, and also emerging fire stairs. Hodges mentioned that estimated pricing is roughly \$25,000 for 70 linear feet of fencing.

Ngozi asked if multiple sources of funding would be made available to the art committee for this project. Hedges mentioned that staff would seek direction as to the source of funding from the PAC. Wheeler asked about the timeline of the project. Hodges answered that the RFP should go out in the Fall of 2018. Duncan suggested creative license for the artist in order to see what ideas they suggest. Hodges mentioned that staff is open to ideas, as the basic function and length of the fencing need has been established.

[Giles made a motion to recommend the PAC begin work on this project and set up a sub-committee for the project. Veeder, Steele, and Giles volunteered to be on the sub-committee. Duncan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 8-0.]

**Individual Request to speak on Agenda Item:**

1. Jo Williams, 1714 Highland Park Rd. (in favor of artistic fencing at Fire Station # 3)
2. Jeff Wood, 1700 Greenwood (in favor of artistic fencing at Fire Station # 3)

**D. PAC18-003 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding public art related to transportation projects, including at Brinker Road and other potential locations.**

Langley gave a report regarding public art related to transportation projects, including at Brinker Road and other potential locations, on behalf of Mark Nelson who was unable to attend the Public Art Committee meeting.

Langley gave several examples of potential locations and public art project ideas for the committee to consider, including areas on Interstate 35 and the streets that comprise the “square off the square”, which are known as mews streets. An example of a mews street is Walnut Street where there is an opportunity to beautify the scenery as related to the public dumpsters. Langley stated the location at Brinker Road would be temporary, due to phase II of the project, which may be 5-10 years in the future.

Langley asked the committee for staff direction regarding which areas the committee members are interested in moving forward with related to public art transportation projects. Steele made a motion to give staff direction to move forward with public art related to transportation projects at Brinker Road and Loop 288, as well as a request for further information related to the mews street potential public art project opportunities. Duncan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

## 2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

- Ngozi would like to add current murals/mural change out as a future meeting topic
- Steele would like more ways for artists and the City to communicate, to help artists be more aware of artistic job opportunities
- Giles would like to learn about historic Fire Department photos, and to whom they are on loan
- Duncan would like to know about the Police Station project, and whether the project is moving forward
- Ngozi mentioned the current GDAC exhibit – Materials Hard and Soft

**The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.**