MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
April 5, 2018

After determining that a quorum was present, the Public Art Committee of the City of Denton, Texas, convened on Thursday, April 5, 2018, at 4:04 p.m. The meeting was held in the Civic Center Conference Room at 321 E. McKinney, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Michelle Lynn, Millie Gilles, Jodi Ismert, Brian Wheeler, Guy Bruggeman, Monet Franklin, and Joe Duncan

ABSENT: Jerry Veeder and Ed Steele

STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Langley, Caroline Booth, Mark Nelson, David Mays, Michelle Cunningham, Christina Davis, and Michelle Coughlin

A. PAC18-011 **Consider approval of the minutes of the March 1, 2018 meeting.**

Lynn made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2018, meeting. Duncan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

B. PAC18-006 **Receive a report, hold a discussion, and make a recommendation to City Council regarding public art related to transportation projects at I-35 Brinker Road and I-35/Loop 288.**

Nelson gave a presentation to the PAC regarding public art related to transportation projects at I-35 Brinker Road and I-35/Loop 288. Nelson mentioned that now, while construction is taking place, is the ideal time to make a recommendation regarding number of medallions and location preferences. Nelson also suggested the PAC consider whether they would like to have the medallions lighted, as engineering services would need to be factored in, and to keep in mind, the medallions at Loop 288 were temporary. Ismert asked about the cost for moving the medallions.

Nelson also asked if the committee if they would like to consider an overall theme. Bruggeman suggested they stay with the idea of the medallion, not really a theme. Wheeler ask if the committee would prefer one design for every location. Lynn suggested there should be a coherent design. The number of medallions was discussed and Nelson mentioned that for now, the number of medallions and locations was the main information that he was looking for.

Bruggeman made a motion for staff to price the cost of weight and electrical engineering analysis for 4 medallions at each location, so that the committee could decide based on cost. Wheeler and Lynn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 7-0. It was determined that it would take 30-60 days for the RFQ, and then staff would bring information back to the committee.

C. PAC18-007 **Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding communications and marketing for public art in Denton.**

At the meeting in March, the PAC asked for ways to inform the community about commissioned pieces, and would like to learn of ways to attract artists so they can bid on commissioned pieces. Davis reported that through staff research, we learned that the PAC has a budget for art, but not for marketing.

With that, Davis said that Economic Development staff came up with a plan to accomplish the communications and marketing goals of the PAC by using internal resources: Economic Development reprographics budget dollars, staff time to complete tasks, and collaboration with the City Public Communications office staff.

Davis presented a draft plan to the PAC, and the PAC was very pleased and complimentary of the draft plan, the committee looked forward to moving ahead and thanked staff for the outstanding work that had been done to consider the plan and use available resources, committee members were particularly excited about the Google public art map and asked if Davis would provide the link for them. This also spurred additional ideas amongst the PAC members as to how to utilize the newly available resources at the upcoming Arts & Jazz festival.

D. PAC18-005 **Receive a report, hold a discussion, and make a recommendation to City Council regarding a public art project on the exterior of the Denton Police Department facility.**

A summary of previous discussions regarding a public art project on the exterior of the Denton Police Department facility was provided to the PAC in the back-up materials for this meeting as it was determined that no formal recommendation was made from the committee to the City Council regarding the project. As such, work on the project was has been placed on hold so that the correct recommendation and approval process can be followed.

Lieutenant David Mays, from the Denton Police Department gave the presentation regarding a public art project on the exterior of the Denton Police Department Facility. Mays reported on the commission of two brick sculptures for the entrance to the Police Station. This artwork, two brick sculpture panels, would complement the existing "Woman of Justice" brick sculpture currently located at the entranceway of the Police Station.

There was discussion amongst the PAC as to opening the project for a formal bid process, and not wanting to repeat this style of making a decision in the future. The PAC wanted assurance that future projects will be handled following the City's purchasing department policies and procedures for procurement. Langley assured the PAC, in keeping with the structure that is now in place, that the RFQ process would be utilized moving forward.

The PAC agreed that due to all the work that had been completed, the coherent conceptual designs, historical research, and time that has already been invested by the artist, Paula Collins, that it would be prudent to move forward with the designs as presented. It was also agreed that only the funds that have been dedicated would be used – $45,000 from HOT funds and the do-not-exceed amount of $9,000 for architectural needs.

Giles made a motion to recommend to City Council that $45,000 from HOT funds be used to pay for the project, along with the do-not-exceed amount of $9,000 to be used for architectural needs, and that Paula Collins would be commissioned to create this public art project. Along with the request that didactics be provided to explain who each figure is on the panel of historical Police Department figures – on the two brick sculpture panels that will be created by Paula Collins.

Franklin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 3.

E. <u>PAC18-008</u> Staff Reports:

1. Update on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center Public Art project.

Booth reported that the RFP for this public art project was issued on Monday April 2, 2018 and thanked they PAC for their recommendations on artists who wanted to receive direct notification of the RFP.

2. Update on the location of Denton of Denton Fire-Department related historic photos.

Booth reported that Cunningham located the historic photos:

- Two are at Fire Station #2
- Two are located at City Hall in the Finance Conference Room
- One is located in the museum at the Central Fire Station.

Giles mentioned that Chief Hedges would like to have the two historical photos that are in the Finance Conference Room for the viewing room at soon to come on Fire Station # 4, which is anticipated to open in two months. Bruggeman mention the original intent for these photos was to be displayed in the Fire Station, as they have community rooms.

The photos will be moved with the permission of the PAC.

2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

-Giles asked about Café, Booth mentioned that leadership in Purchasing has now been asked to look into incorporating Café into the process, as it had not been vetted by Purchasing before the idea of Café was brought before the PAC. Langley mentioned that staff would get back to the PAC with an update.

-Booth encouraged the PAC to add any items they would like staff to research during the concluding items section of the meeting, and mentioned this would be a good way for staff to keep track of future topics.

-Regarding QR Codes – Davis asked if the PAC had any thoughts as to how they would like to see the QR Codes displayed at the Arts & Jazz Fest. The PAC responded that they would like for staff to display them as is easiest for Economic Development staff, and easiest way for attendees to take a photo at the individual locations.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.