

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
September 6, 2018

After determining that a quorum was present, the Public Art Committee of the City of Denton, Texas, convened on Thursday, September 6, at 4:05 p.m. The meeting was held in the City Council Work Session Room, 215 East McKinney Street, Denton, Texas, 76201.

PRESENT: Brian Wheeler, Terry Nobles, Monet Franklin, Jodi Ismert, Ed Steele, Nic Bagherpoor, and John Weber

ABSENT: Michelle Lynn

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Cunningham, Gary Packan, Glen McClain, and Michelle Coughlin

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - None

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Wheeler and the PAC welcomed the new PAC committee members prior to the first item of business.

A. PAC18-039 **Consider approval of the August 1, 2018, meeting minutes.**
Steele made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2018, meeting. Bagherpoor seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by a vote of 7 -0.

B. PAC18-035 **Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the opportunity for public art at the proposed new North Lakes Tennis Center.**
Gary Packan, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Glen McLain, Landscape Architect for Parks and Recreation (also the designer of the new North Lakes Tennis Center), were both present at the PAC meeting. Packan gave a report regarding the overview of plans for the proposed tennis center. There were questions from the PAC about pickle ball courts, trees, parking, lighting, and entrances/exits to the park.

Packan conveyed to the PAC that he and the Parks and Recreation staff presented the proposed plans for the tennis center so the PAC would have the opportunity to consider funding public art pieces for the tennis center in their budget plans for FY18-19, and also consider locations on the tennis grounds where they would like to plan for public art to be displayed. Packan mentioned that he would like to be on a future PAC agenda to revisit plans for public art at the tennis center.

C. PAC18-037 **Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the opportunity for public art at the proposed North Lakes Dog Park.**
Packan gave a presentation regarding the North Lakes Dog Park which will be adjacent to the proposed North Lakes tennis center. Packan conveyed that he is

presenting the proposed plans for the North Lakes dog park in order to receive feedback regarding the PAC input on the amenities, design, and programming for the park.

Packan mentioned the intent of the new dog park is to provide service to the north side of Denton, support the animal shelter, which is next door, and provide an opportunity for integration of art into the park.

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Staff Reports:

1. Update on the Pops Carter sculpture repair base/stabilization concerns

Artist Christie Wood, creator of the Pops Carter sculpture, was present at the meeting and brought the gentleman who built the original steel base. Wood spoke to the concerns from the PAC regarding the stabilization of the base, as there was a concern about the base being metal seated on concrete. Wood clarified the base will not be metal, it will be made of steel. It was also determined that a rubber pad will be added in between the steel and concrete, and support structures will be welded to the steel structure.

2. Bell Avenue Mural Demolition

The City streets department needed to make improvements to that section of Bell. Cunningham conveyed that if Keep Denton Beautiful makes plans to replace the mural, they will communicate with the Public Art Committee. Wheeler mentioned that when the murals were created, it was known that they were only temporary.

3. Update on the I-35 Medallions Project

Mark Nelson, Director of Transportation, met with Kimley-Horn. The verbiage has been agreed on, and the contract is final. The PAC still needs know about the weight restrictions and the affixing requirements for the medallions, and those will be forthcoming.

4. Update on Fire Station # 3 Artistic Fencing Project

The sub-committee was not able to meet, no update at this time.

5. Update on the 4Q 2017-2018 HOT Funds expenditures.

Cunningham contracted with Thomas Judd took photos of the Searls sculpture and the 911 sculpture. The pictures are now ready, however they were delivered after the agenda for this meeting had been created. The PAC agreed the photos will be used for social media and other forms, so the public can know more about the art piece and the artist.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS – None

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.