

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
August 2, 2018

After determining that a quorum was present, the Public Art Committee of the City of Denton, Texas, convened on Thursday, August 2, 2018, at 4:01 p.m. The meeting was held in the City Council Work Session Room, 215 East McKinney Street, Denton, Texas, 76201.

PRESENT: Brian Wheeler, Monet Franklin, Ed Steele, Jodi Ismert, Gerry Veeder, Michelle Lynn, Georgina Ngozi, and Terry Nobles

STAFF PRESENT: Drew Huffman, Michelle Cunningham, Christina Davis, and Michelle Coughlin

A. PAC18-034 Consider approval of the July 5, 2018, meeting minutes.

Steele made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2018, meeting with an update: Georgina Ngozi and Jodi Ismert were absent at the July 5, 2018, meeting. Ngozi seconded the motion. The minutes were approved, with the updates, unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Terry Nobles arrived.

B. PAC18-030 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the design and construction of Industrial Park.

Drew Huffman, Parks Superintendent, gave the presentation regarding, the design and construction of the Industrial Park. The presentation had been updated and was different from the information provided to the PAC in their agenda packet. The PAC received their agenda packet prior to today's meeting, and it did not include the revisions. A complete copy of the updated presentation was handed out to the PAC members prior to the meeting adjournment, and is included with these minutes.

There was discussion regarding losing one parking space, maintenance of the park, artificial turf, and the addition of an emergency call box.

C. PAC18-028 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding artist-proposed repairs to the Pops Carter sculpture.

Cunningham gave a report on the status of the artist-proposed repairs to the Pops Carter sculpture. Cunningham said that she and Georgina Ngozi met with the artist, Kristy Wood, to discuss whether repairs could be made to the sculpture. After their meeting, Ms. Wood met with the metal smith that she works with, and they were able to provide a bid for the repairs, as well as proposed design changes. The estimated total for the repairs is \$11,210.

Cunningham mentioned that she contacted the Parks Foundation Board in order to learn how much the public contributed toward the repairs of the sculpture. Information will be forthcoming, Michelle will have that information available at the next PAC meeting.

Cunningham expounded on the following items in order to give detailed information about the costs associated with the repairs:

- A large base will be required in order to stabilize the pieces of glass that were shattered.
- The entire metal structure needs to be replaced.
- The proposed site location at GDAC is against a wall, which will necessitate lighting in order to illuminate the stained glass.
- Plaques will be in place in order to describe the reason why the sculpture was relocated to GDAC. The PAC also previously discussed placing a plaque in Quaker Town Park in the former location of the statue. Each plaque would reference the other.

Wheeler asked about the specifics of the design. Wheeler's concern is if the base is poured concrete and it comes to a sharp point at the top of the base – if the floor underneath the base is not absolutely flat, this might cause the base to be easily broken.

Cunningham said that she will contact the artist, Christy Wood, and share the PAC's concern about the design of the base, and whether modifications need to be made to secure the base so that it cannot easily be broken.

Cunningham requested staff direction and asked if the PAC would like to move forward with the repairs, and once the repairs have been made, if the PAC is agreeable to having the sculpture moved to GDAC. Cunningham said that budget monies for the project would not be available until the City Council approves the City budget, which includes approximately \$77,000.00 which the PAC is anticipating as their available budget dollars for FY18-19.

Ngozi made a request - at whatever point the Pops Carter art piece is ready to be installed, if the PAC would factor in an opening reception/ribbon cutting.

Steele made a motion to include the cost of the repairs in the PAC budget for FY18-19. Nobles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 7-0.

D. PAC18-032

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the draft guidelines for eligible projects as specified in the Public Art Policy.

Davis gave a report regarding the draft guidelines for Eligible Projects as specified in the Public Art Policy.

Davis presented draft text for determining eligible projects focused on permanent works; loaned, purchased, or donated art work; and temporary public art. The draft provides suggested guidelines for each section, as well as best practices for each in order to provide uniform procedures, maintain high artistic standards, and facilitate planned placement of works of art in the City.

There was discussion about requirements related to the appraised value of each piece of art, and who specifically would be responsible for paying for the insurance. Davis and Cunningham will research and bring their findings on these separate topics.

E. PAC18-033

Ngozi mentioned taking a field trip to see all of the public works of art in the City. **Receive a report, hold a discussion, and make a recommendation regarding the formation of a review subcommittee of PAC members for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the transportation public art project at I-35/Loop 288.**

Cunningham reported that the City is working with Kimley-Horn regarding contractual terminology, and this has caused a delay. Cunningham also said we are waiting on the mounting weight & mounting requirements before an RFQ could be issued.

Cunningham mentioned that in the meanwhile, the PAC could put together a sub-committee in advance of receiving the information from Kimley-Horn in order to establish design guidelines. Lynn, Ismert, and Steele volunteered to be on the committee.

F. PAC18-031

Staff Reports:

1. Update on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center Public Art Project Request for qualifications.

Cunningham said the funds for this project will be rolled over into FY18-19 and will still be available in the new fiscal year. Cunningham also mentioned that she is working with the Purchasing Department regarding Café. Cunningham conveyed the project is moving forward.

2. Update on the Fire Station #3 decorative fencing project.

Cunningham mentioned the sub-committee that volunteered for this project is now down to one person (Steele). Wheeler and Lynn volunteered to serve on the sub-committee along with Steele. The committee will work toward an RFQ for the decorative fencing at Fire Station #3.

3. Update on the Fire Station #4 Dedication of Historic Photographs.

The historic photographs were in place ahead of the dedication ceremony for Fire Station #4.

4. Update on the 3rd quarter 2017-18 HOT Funds Report.

Cunningham conveyed the HOT Funds Report is required to be submitted on behalf of the PAC on a quarterly basis. Cunningham conveyed the only change in the report from Q2 was payment to artist Paula Collins, as she was paid for stage two of the brick sculpture at the Police station.

Cunningham mentioned there are remaining funds in the PAC HOT Funds account in the amount of \$475.00, which can be used toward public art promotion.

Cunningham mentioned that the remaining funds could be used toward professional pictures of the City's artwork. Davis suggested the pictures could be used on the City's website under the Public Art page and in the Citizens Update newsletter. The name Thomas Judd, professional photographer was mentioned as someone who has done a good job of taking photographs of public art in the past. Although there was not a formal vote, the PAC agreed unanimously to use the remaining funds to hire a professional photographer to take photos of the City's public artwork.

Concluding Items:

The PAC recognized Gerry Veeder's contributions to the PAC and gifted her with a token of appreciation, as her term will be concluded after tonight's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.