

Minutes of a Regular Public Art Commission Meeting January 12, 2022

A regular meeting of the Blue Springs Public Art Commission was held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 1:00pm at the Fieldhouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Eleanor Frasier – Present
Ramon Magee – Present
Susan Rew- Absent
Taylor Beller - Absent
Pam Vaughan – Present
Jeff Carpenter – Present
Barbara Landes- Present

City Council Liaison: Susan Culpepper
Parks Dept. Staff: Justin Stuart

A motion was made by Ramon and seconded by Barbara to accept the Minutes of the Decemberr meeting; it passed unanimously.

Financial Report. The financial report was available for review. There were no questions

“Regenerate” 13th Temporary Public Art Exhibit.

The artworks have been determined and placement decided. All of the artists have signed contracts and art will be installed beginning March 21. Colonial Gardens will be providing bases for art and will help with install. Arrangements have been made with one or two artists to have overnight stays by Colonial Gardens.

20 + 1 Years of Public Art in Blue Springs” book

- Justin reported the book was at the publisher and would be available in a few weeks.
- Eleanor said that PAC would need to provide a book to each artist and other identified persons.
- Discussion was whether to use the book for fundraising and if so what would be the plan. Jeff suggested that one approach could be to offer the book for donation rather than a fixed price. Discussion was about how to accept payment and Justin reported that all proceeds needed to go through the Fieldhouse account so that it could be difficult to accept money off-site by other than staff.
- No decision was made on funding plans and PAC will discuss this at the February meeting.

Information/Status/Updates

- “Basics” has been removed from its site along Adams Dairy Parkway. It was always intended to be a temporary artwork and had reached the point of de-installation.
- “Fire, Earth and Water” is at St. Mary’s Health Center and can be seen on the east wall after entering the building
- Ramon reported on “Parade of Hearts KC” as he was the representative to the committee making decisions about where the Hearts will be placed. 154 Hearts have been designed by artists and will be placed in the metro community for a 3 month period. Donors have been involved in the project to create the Hearts and to determine the process for placement. He provided seven possible sites in Blue Springs but there is no understanding if we will get one or more Hearts and where they would be located. The Hearts will be on a sand base where sited so they can be easily removed. The idea is to sell the Hearts and the money raised will be to assist groups and individuals affected by Covid. PAC members were pleased that Blue Springs was included in the project.
- Justin said that he hoped to place “Sundance” this year if the weather gets cold enough. Barbara reported that there is a possible opportunity to place ”The Visit” in St. Mary’s Health Center.
- The future of “Ascending” was discussed. Justin reported that as plans are implemented for building the Aquatic Center, the artwork would need to be removed, stored until the Center is complete, and then re-installed. Eleanor asked if PAC would have any input in where the art would be located in the future. Justin felt this unlikely as this was to be a City-Architect decision. Eleanor thought the artist would be involved in the de-installation and asked Justin to inquire as to his recommendations regarding taking the art apart and re-installation. Discussion was that the artwork was an important element celebrating the 20th anniversary of PAC and its relationship to the Parks Department during that time.
- Jeff reported that the proposed mural on the building wall on 11th and Main is going forward and a mural artist is being selected soon.

Visitors/Public Comment:

-None

Other Business- None

As there was no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Jeff and seconded by Barbara.
Meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm

Eleanor Frasier, Chairman