

Minutes of a Regular Public Art Commission Meeting
April 13, 2022

A regular meeting of the Blue Springs Public Art Commission was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 3:30pm at the Fieldhouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Eleanor Frasier – Present
Ramon Magee – Present
Taylor Beller - Present
Pam Vaughan – Absent
Jeff Carpenter – Present
Barbara Landes- Present
Kathy Cornelius- 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 March meeting; it passed unanimously.

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

“Regenerate” Thirteenth Public Art Temporary Exhibit

-Update on Art Installation. Three of the four artworks are in place. Jake has installed the base but some of the flowers need to be added to the sculpture. He anticipates it will be finished soon. Ramon provided locations of each artwork at Colonial Gardens

-Names of Artworks and Artists:

“Bloom” by Hilde DeBruyne
“Let a Thousand Flowers Bloom” by Sally Myers
“New Growth” by Amie Jacobson
“Lily” by Jake Balcolm

-Brochure. We reviewed an initial draft of the brochure and several changes were suggested. Justin will make and send out brochure for review and asked for any additional comments. Ramon indicated that after discussion with CG, they decided to use the term “Re-Generate” for the theme of the exhibit and it would be so indicated in the brochure.

-Dedication. The date is Thursday, June 23 starting at 6:00pm.

-PAC will need to send an invitation to certain persons to encourage attendance, such as past and important others. Ramon said that Colonial also had a listing of invitees they wanted to send to. PAC will need to determine the number of invitations to print and make plans for mailing. Need to decide mailing date.

-PAC is in the process of planning the program. Kathy will help with design. To date, there will be speakers of Mayor Ross, representative from CG, artists Jake Balcolm

“20 + 1 Public Art in Blue Springs

-Justin said that there was interest in having books to be available at the Chamber for anyone who wanted a book. Eleanor will provide a log sheet so that free-will donations can be collected.

-Eleanor suggested a similar plan for having books available at Vesper Hall desk.

-PAC will continue to make a listing of individuals or organizations to contact to provide a book.

“Art of the State” Mosaic

-Financial Information. Eleanor indicated that PAC has asked Rebecca for a listing of the costs she incurred for the materials used in the artwork (\$1000). PAC also agreed to pay for consulting (\$2500) and studio costs (\$600). She requested that PAC pay Rebecca \$4,100. Eleanor requested that PAC pay Lawrence Randall \$2500 as the design artist of the mosaic. She stated that PAC traditionally pay an artist who brings temporary art \$2500 to display for one year, although in this case the artwork becomes a permanent PAC asset. A motion was made by Taylor to make payment to Rebecca for consulting & studio costs of \$4,100 and payment to Lawrence Randall of \$2500 for design of the mosaic. Ramon second the motion ; it passed unanimously

-What is Left to Do. Eleanor reported that Greta will be creating a booklet that will explain the purpose of the mosaic and that details the process involved, the organizations and individuals involved in the creation of the art,

and the Bicentennial information. This booklet will be available in Vesper Hall so that anyone viewing the art will understand the background.

Parade of HeARTs.

-Ramon provided a slide presentation of all the Heart Art. He gave additional information about the background and future of the Hearts. Two Hearts are located in Blue Springs: on Main Street in front of City Hall and near the entrance to Pink Hill Park along Park Road.

Information/Status/Updates

-Justin is still trying to make contact with the person who will assist in plans for placing “The Visit” at St. Mary’s Health Center

- Still looking for the right kind of light fixture to place over the “Art of the State”. PAC also wants to create a book that provides information about the Bicentennial project. Greta will be involved in the book planning.

-Parade of Hearts has been well accepted throughout the metro area. Ramon thought they would remain in place until end of May and then are auctioned off to provide funds for those in need due to Covid.

-The flags will be placed at Veterans Way Memorial for five national holidays beginning with Memorial Day. Eleanor encouraged everyone to visit the Memorial during that time.

Visitors/Public Comment:

-None

Other Business-

Blue Springs Boards and Commission Information.

-Justin provided each member a copy of information regarding changes in City Boards and Commissions and major changes that affect PAC and PAC finances.

-Everyone was encouraged to read the document and if there is a need PAC will discuss in a future meeting

As there was no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Taylor and seconded by Jeff. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

Eleanor Frasier, Chairman